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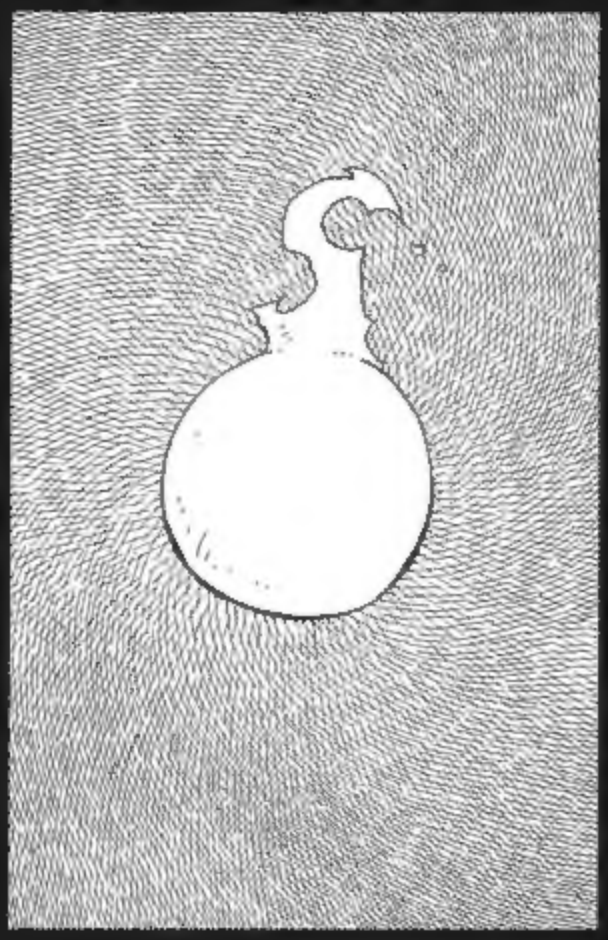
A SOUND SOUL...



...DWELLS IN A SOUND MIND

AND A SOUND BODY.

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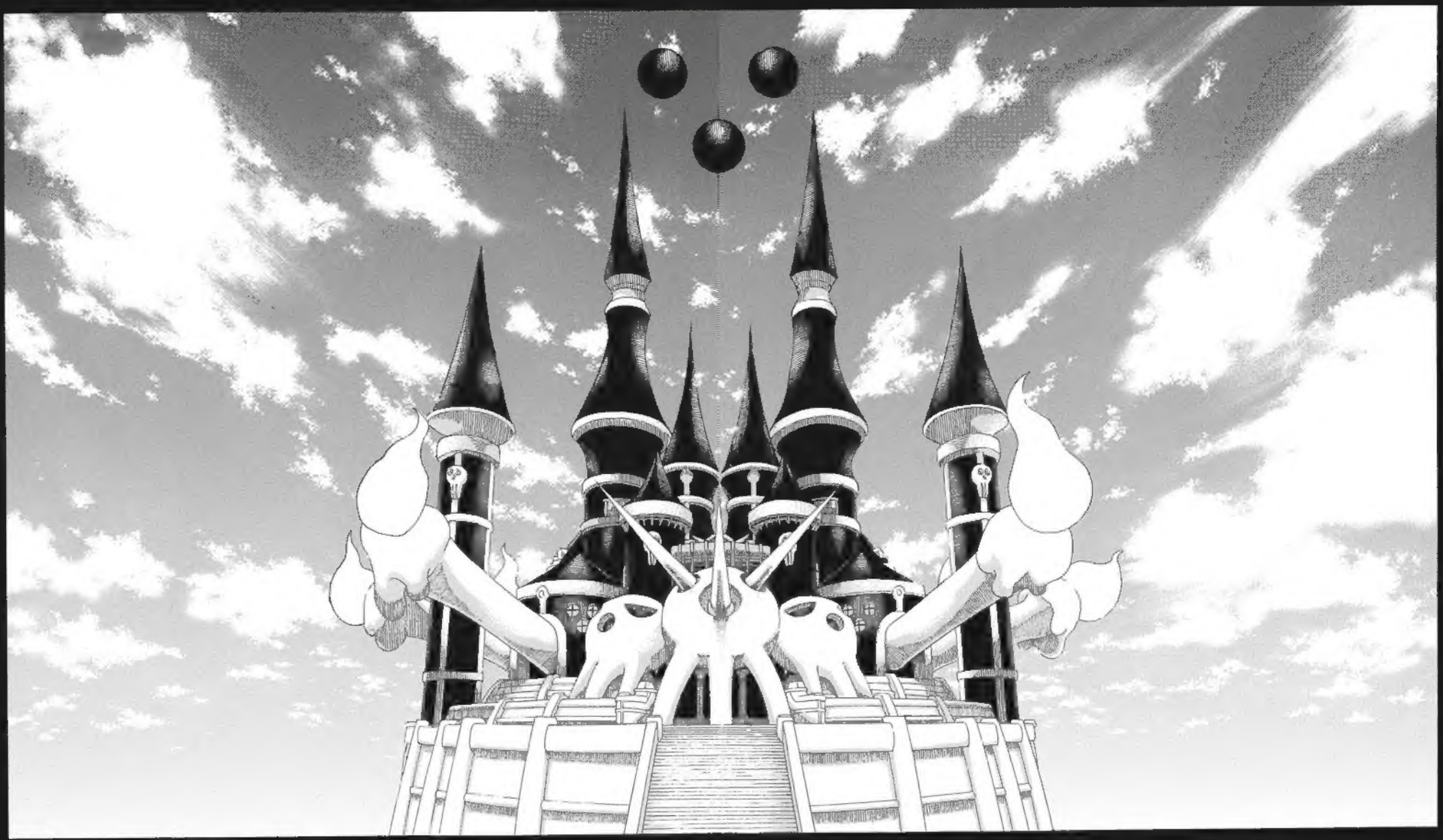

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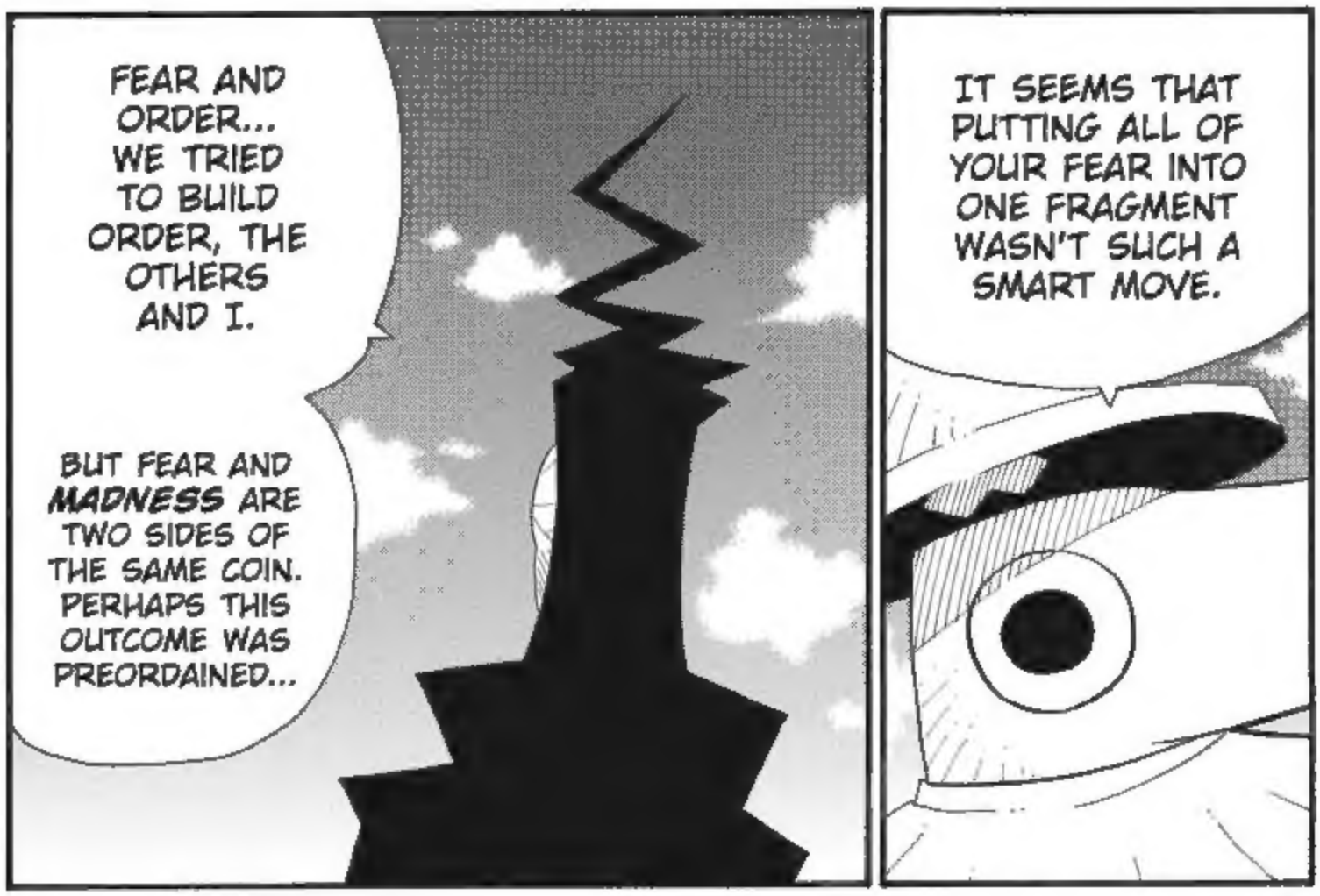
YOU "GAVE AWAY YOUR FEAR ALONG WITH EVERYTHING ELSE"...
THE BIRTH OF A NEW SHINIGAMI.


FEAR AND ORDER... WE TRIED TO BUILD ORDER, THE OTHERS AND I.
BUT FEAR AND MADNESS ARE TWO SIDES OF THE SAME COIN. PERHAPS THIS OUTCOME WAS PREORDAINED...
IT SEEMS THAT PUTTING ALL OF YOUR FEAR INTO ONE FRAGMENT WASN'T SUCH A SMART MOVE.

THIS IS ALL MY FAULT...

AND YET, ALL I CAN DO IS SEND KID AND HIS COMPANIONS TO DEAL WITH IT...

I HAVE NO RIGHT TO SPEAK ILL OF MEDUSA FOR USING HER OWN CHILD AS AN EXPERIMENT...

WAIT, WHAT AM I SAYING? OF COURSE YOU'RE GOING TO DIE!!

...

THE RETIRED SOLDIER NEVER DIES, HE JUST WASTES AWAY...

HAVE NO FEAR. I WILL STAND WITNESS TO THE VERY END.

TO SEE WHICH WILL BECOME THE NEW SHINIGAMI.
NOW, THEN, MY BROTHER, LET US DETERMINE WHO IS THE TRUE SHINIGAMI.

THE MADNESS IS OVERWHELMING... THE WAVELENGTHS ARE SWIRLING INTO A VORTEX.

...KID...?

K...

ARE THEY GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT UP THERE...?

WHAT... DID YOU JUST SAY...?

.....

I'M YOUR BROTH-ER...?

.....

?

BUO (LIFT)

WE ARE BOTH FRAG-MENTS, BORN OF THE SAME SHINI-GAMI.

GOGOGOGO (WHOOOOSH)

TH-THAT'S RIDICU-LOUS...

NOW THAT YOU MEN-TION IT...

THEY DO LOOK ALIKE, HUH?

DA (BLAM

DON'T GIVE ME THAT NON-SENSE !!

DA

KYUOOO (WHRRRR)

DO (DSHHO

DO

DO

DO

YOU MAKE ME SICK!!

BA (LUNGE)

DON (BOOM)

GIGIGI (KRSHH)

YOU COULD NEVER BE MY FATHER'S SON!

THAT IRRESPONSIBLE ACT WAS THE GENESIS OF THIS WORLD BRIMMING WITH THE MADNESS YOU HATE SO MUCH.

SHINIGAMI DESIRED TO BE THE GOD OF ABSOLUTE ORDER, AND THUS HE CUT FEAR LOOSE AND TURNED IT INTO ME.

I WILL NEVER BELIEVE THAT!!

YOU CLAIM THIS WAS ALL STARTED BY MY FATHER!?

IF I WAS THE SON BORN AFTER HE HAD ABANDONED FEAR, THEN I SHOULD BE FEARLESS!

THEN WHY DO I KNOW FEAR, IF I'M HIS SON TOO!?

YOU READY, TSUBAKI !!?

MAKA! WE'VE GOTTA GO!

YEAH!

YOU WERE CREATED IN AN IMMATURE STATE, LIKE A HUMAN BEING.

DON'T YOU SEE?

BAN (WHAM)

YOU MUST HAVE HAD SO MUCH FUN TOGETHER, FATHER AND SON.

HE MADE YOU YOUNG AND INEX-PERIENCED SO THAT YOU COULD LEARN FEAR FOR YOUR-SELF...

MASTER MUST HAVE BEEN WORRIED THAT YOU MIGHT TURN OUT LIKE YOUR OLDER BROTHER ...

ARE YOU IMPLYING THE LINES OF SANZU IN MY HAIR WERE MADE INCOMPLETE ON PUR-POSE...?

THAT'S NON-SENSE.

KID'S NOT LIKE YOU!!

BA (WHOOSH)

BI (SHWIP)

BYA (SHWAP)

HUMANS!!

BOTH THIS INSANE WORLD AND WHAT YOU CONSIDER THE "NORMAL" WORLD WERE CREATED BY SHINIGAMI'S WHIMS.

YOU HUMAN BEINGS ARE NOTHING MORE THAN HIS PUPPETS!!

WHY THE HELL SHOULD I CARE?

BO (FWOOM)

ZUBA (ZUASH)

DOSO (WHIRL)

YOU ARE GOOD— FOR A HUMAN.

ZUGOGON (CRASHING)

...ARE WEAKER THAN GODS!!?

WHO THE HELL DECIDED THAT HUMAN BEINGS...

WELL !?

GOU (FWOOM)

...AND YOU PISS ME OFF! THAT'S IT!!

BECAUSE ME, KID, AND SHINIGAMI ARE TIGHT...

THIS IS WHY HUMAN-ITY IS FOOLISH.

WHY DO YOU BLINDLY TRUST SHINIGAMI WHEN YOU POSSESS SUCH POWER FOR YOUR-SELF?

(WHOO)

THAT IS WHAT A GOD DOES.

WHY WOULD I ATTEMPT TO UNDER-STAND THE MISERY OF HUMAN-ITY?

YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE FEAR INCARNATE, RIGHT!!?

SO HOW COME YOU DON'T EVEN TRY TO UNDERSTAND THE FEAR OF OTHERS!? WHY DO YOU ONLY SPREAD IT!?

THAT'S WHY I DON'T LIKE YOU!!

I SWORE TO BEAR THE REGRETS OF THOSE WHO WERE CRUSHED IN THEIR PURSUIT OF ULTIMATE STRENGTH!!

WHETHER A MAN LIVES OR DIES IS ENTIRELY AT SHINIGAMI'S WHIM.

YOUR SHINIGAMI IS NO DIFFERENT FROM ME.

KURU (WRAP)

!!

I'VE GOT NO PROOF, BUT I KNOW FOR DAMN SURE HE'S DIFFERENT FROM A PRICK LIKE YOU!!

NO!!

LET HIM GO!!
BLACK ☆ STAR!!

AHH HA HA!

SCARY! SO SCARY!

DAN (POW)

BIA (ZWOOP)

ZURO (SHLURP)

GIN (CLANG)

!!

ギリリ
GIRIR!
(GRIND)

コオオオオ
KOOOOO
(VWOOO)

IT'S GONNA BLOW!!

A LASER!?

OH NO.....!!

ヴァジラ!!
VAJRA!!

ガボ
GABO
(GLRP)

AGAA-
AAAH!

ビチ
BICHI
ビチ
BICH.
ビチ
BICH.
(TWITCH)

BLACK
☆
STAR!!

DITA (STOP)

!!

BA (WHOOSH)

IS HE... ALL RIGHT...?

BLEEAH

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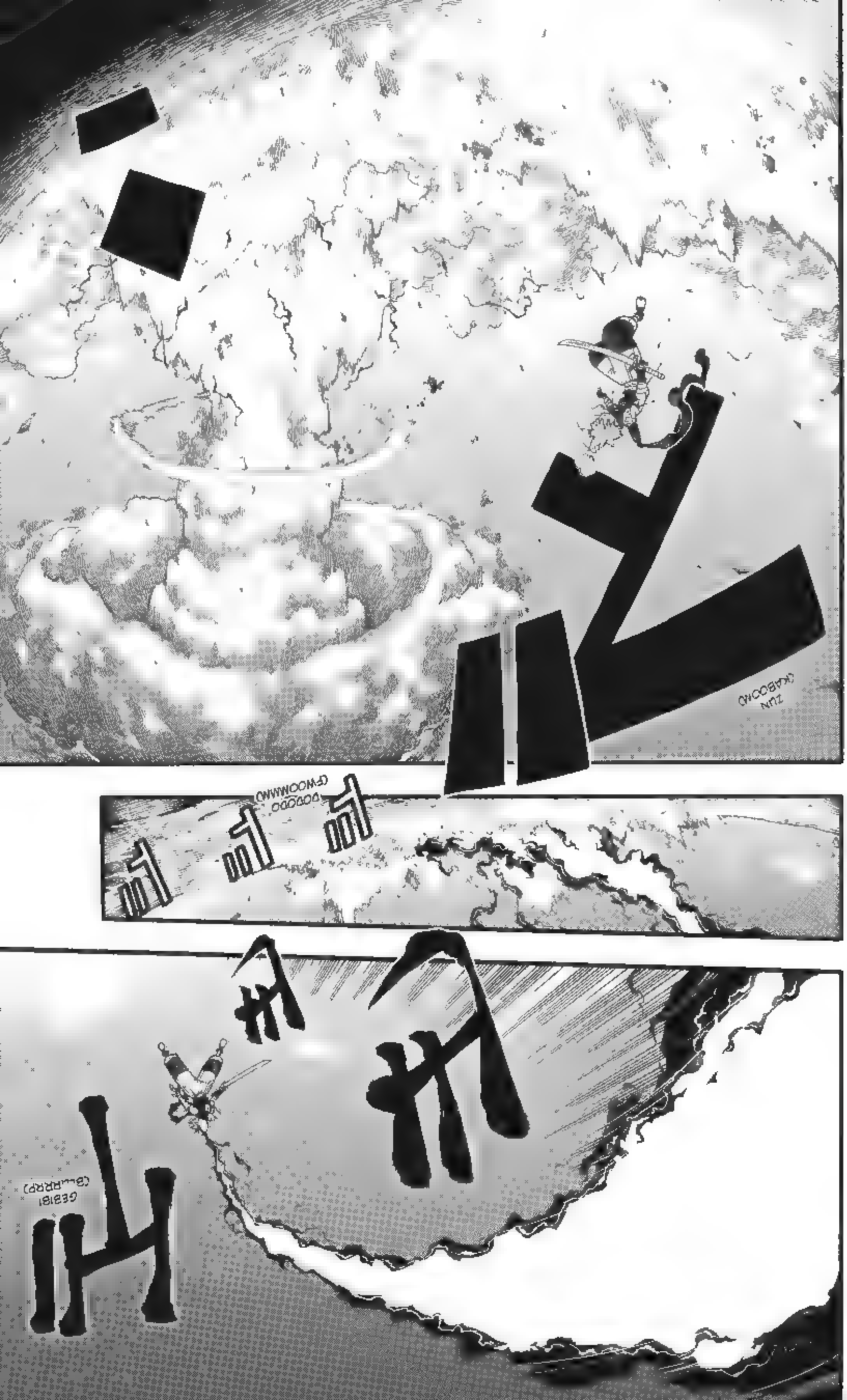
ZUM
(KABOOM)
VOOOOO
(WOOMMM)
GEIGI
(BuuRRRP)

SFX: BURU (TRMBL) BURU BURU BURU

TO THINK THAT ANY HUMAN BEING COULD DO A THING LIKE THAT..

OHHH... THAT'S SCARY... HORRI-FYING...

WHA ...?

POKAAN (GAPE)

THE ONLY THINGS I CAN'T DO... ARE THE THINGS ONLY I CAN'T DO!!

AS IF I COULDN'T DO SOME-THING GOD CAN DO!!!

HGUU HBLRG!

WHY DOESN'T HE JUST SAY, "I CAN DO ANY-THING"?

?

YOU ALL RIGHT!?

WHAT THE HELL? YOU GONNA MAKE ME DO EVERYTHING? I MEAN, I CAN, BUT...

S-SORRY, WE ONLY JUST GOT CAUGHT UP TO YOU...

SO IT WAS FATHER WHO CREATED THE KISHIN...? THEN WHAT IS THE "SHINIGAMI" I'VE WANTED TO BE ALL THIS TIME?

.....

.....

I KNOW.

KID!

WE'VE COME THIS FAR. DON'T GET SIDETRACKED BY SHIT THAT DON'T MATTER RIGHT NOW.

WE NEED EVERY SINGLE PERSON FROM OUR TEAM IF WE'RE GONNA BEAT HIM!

!

THAT BATTLE IS ON A WHOLE OTHER LEVEL. I JUST HOPE MAKA MAKES IT OUT OKAY...

SID!

WHERE IS CRONA?

DEATH SCYTHE!

TA (TMP)

NOW YOU CAN BE CRUSHED BY YOUR FEAR, JUST LIKE ME.

VERY GOOD... THE BLOOD IS DRAIN-ING...

IT WON'T BE THAT SIMPLE.

HE'S A KISHIN TO BEGIN WITH, BUT THE BLOOD IN HIS VEINS IS "BLACK BLOOD," COURTESY OF MEDUSA.

ALL OF THOSE ATTACKS, AND NONE OF THEM HAVE DONE ANY DAMAGE...

CAN'T YOU HEAR IT?

YOU'RE UP! SOUL!

WE'VE GOTTA USE OUR BLACK BLOOD TO COUNTERACT THE KISHIN'S BLOOD.

I'M ALREADY WAY AHEAD OF YOU.

HERE WE GO.
IT'S THE GIG WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR.

SOUL EATER

YOU JUST GET THAT ITCH.

RIGHT, SOUL?

GO ON, GIVE HER A GO.

SOUL EATER

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OOOO (WHOOO)

I WILL MAKE YOU FEEL EVERY KIND OF FEAR I KNOW.

OOH.

WELL, WELL. IF IT AIN'T MY HOME AWAY FROM HOME.

AIN'T THAT SWEET OF YOU.

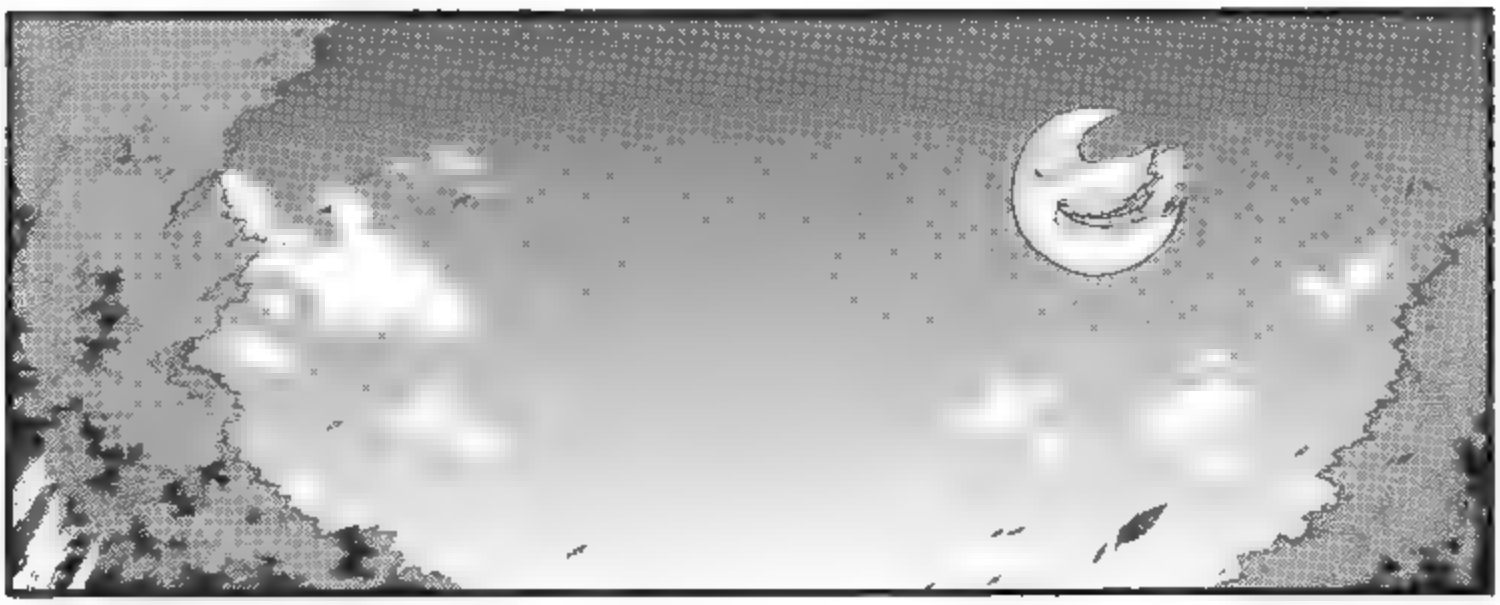
SOUL
...

BACK
KRK

I'VE MISSED YOU, SWEET-HEART.

TODAY'S A VERY SPECIAL DAY. LET'S PLAY IT COOL!

YEAH!



ARE THEY ALL RIGHT!?

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I CAN SEE IT WITH MY THOUSAND-MILE EYES! THEY'RE FIGHTING THE KISHIN...

.....

SHIT! SO WE'RE JUST HELP-LESS DOWN HERE!!?

TERROR (PHYSICAL FEAR)

GYAN (FWOOSH)

GAN (WHUD)

ZwBA (GRAKK)

!!

BA (WHOOSH)

LEARN YOUR MANNERS!

WHAT IS HUMAN SCUM LIKE YOU DOING IN THIS BATTLE?

BLA (FWOOP)

THIS IS HUMANITY'S BATTLE TOO!

PAN (SMACK)

HIIIII (VREEE)

DOZU (KABOOM)

JUST ONE HIT...

GAHK!

KOFE!

PARA

PARA (CRMBL)

MAKA !!

STAY DOWN IN THE DIRT WHERE YOU BELONG. WHO SAID YOU HAD THE RIGHT TO DANCE?

HEY... YOU OKAY!?

M-MAKA!!

HEY, NOW. SHE'S GONNA DIE BEFORE THE PER-FORMANCE BEGINS...

HE'S ON ANOTHER LEVEL ENTIRELY...

DA

DA (BLAM)

DA

DA

DA

YOU ARE HELPLESS IN THAT IMMATURE STATE.

DAMN YOU!!

ARE YOU AFRAID OF BECOMING LIKE ME WHEN YOU AWAKEN?

DO (BOOM)

COWER IN FEAR.

CHIRI

CHIRI (FZZL)

DO

(DSHHD

DO

DO

DO

DO

YOU BAS-TARD !!

GOGO (RMMMBL)

.....

I'M ABOUT TO IMPLODE FROM THE SOUL WAVELENGTH PRESSURE ALONE. THIS IS NO PLACE FOR HUMANS...

I GUESS WE NEED KID TO AWAKEN...

OOOO (WHOO)

I CAN'T JUST LIE AROUND WHILE THERE'S WORK TO BE DONE.

OF COURSE I CAN.

CAN YOU GET UP, MAKA...?

ZURU (SLIDE)

DAKU (SHUT)

I WON'T GIVE IN TO FEAR!

IF I AWAKEN INTO A TRUE SHINIGAMI, WILL I BE LIKE THE KISHIN...?

YOU'RE DOIN' GOOD.

...

ONCE YOU AWAKEN, YOU WILL UNDER-STAND THAT THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN US.

DREAD (IRRATIONAL FEAR)

YOU WILL HAVE THE POWER TO THRUST THIS WORLD INTO MADNESS, JUST LIKE YOUR FATHER AND I.

DIKU TWITCH

ピク

YOU'RE WRONG!!

YOU'RE JUST EXPLOIT-ING HIS KINDNESS AND TRYING TO INFLAME HIS FEARS!!

KID'S NOT LIKE YOU!

KID WOULD NEVER CALL HUMAN BEINGS SCUM! OR WITCHES, OR ANY-ONE!!

HERE WE GO!!

RESO-NANCE CHAIN!!

THERE'S NO NEED TO BE WORRIED!

WE KNOW YOU BETTER THAN ANYONE!

!

HI

BYU (WHOOSH)

DE-
MON
HUNT
!!!

ZUO
(ZWOOSH)

I
MUST
BURN
IT!!

I'M
TIRED
OF ALL
THIS
FLUT-
TERING
GAR-
BAGE...

WHAM

YOU IDIOT, MAKA!! WHO SAID YOU COULD GO AND DIE ON ME!!?

ZU (ZAAM)

I JUST KNEW YOU'D COME TO PROTECT ME.

DO (DOOM)

SHE BELIEVES...

BASHU (SLSH)

GA (DSH)
GA
GA
GA

WE'VE GOTTA JUMP IN TOO!!

KID-KUN!!

BUO (VWOOM)

ZUGOGON (ZWADOOSH)

DO

DO (VSHH)

YOU'RE AN EYE-SORE.

DO

DA CKICK

BO

BO

BO

BO (FWOOM)

BO (THUMP)

HH

DO

DO
CWHUMP)

ZUN
(BWOOM)

VUA
(WOOO)

HUFF

HUFF

TH-THANK YOU...

THAT KISHIN... HE'S NOT A SHINIGAMI! ANY GOD WHO ONLY DEALS DEATH IS NOT A TRUE SHINIGAMI!

YOU AND SHINIGAMI-SAMA AREN'T ANYTHING LIKE THE KISHIN...

WE ALL BELIEVE IN YOU, KID. THE SAME WAY YOU BELIEVED IN THE WITCHES.

IF YOU AIN'T GONNA DO IT, I WILL...

SHALL WE HAVE A LITTLE TEST? WE'LL FIND OUT IF I REALLY WILL BE LIKE YOU.

MAKA... YOUR UNYIELDING VALOR IS A GREAT SUPPORT.

THANKS, EVERY-ONE...

KOOOO (WHOOSH)

I AM THE ONE WHO WILL BE THE NEXT SHINI-GAMI!!

PAKI (CRACK)

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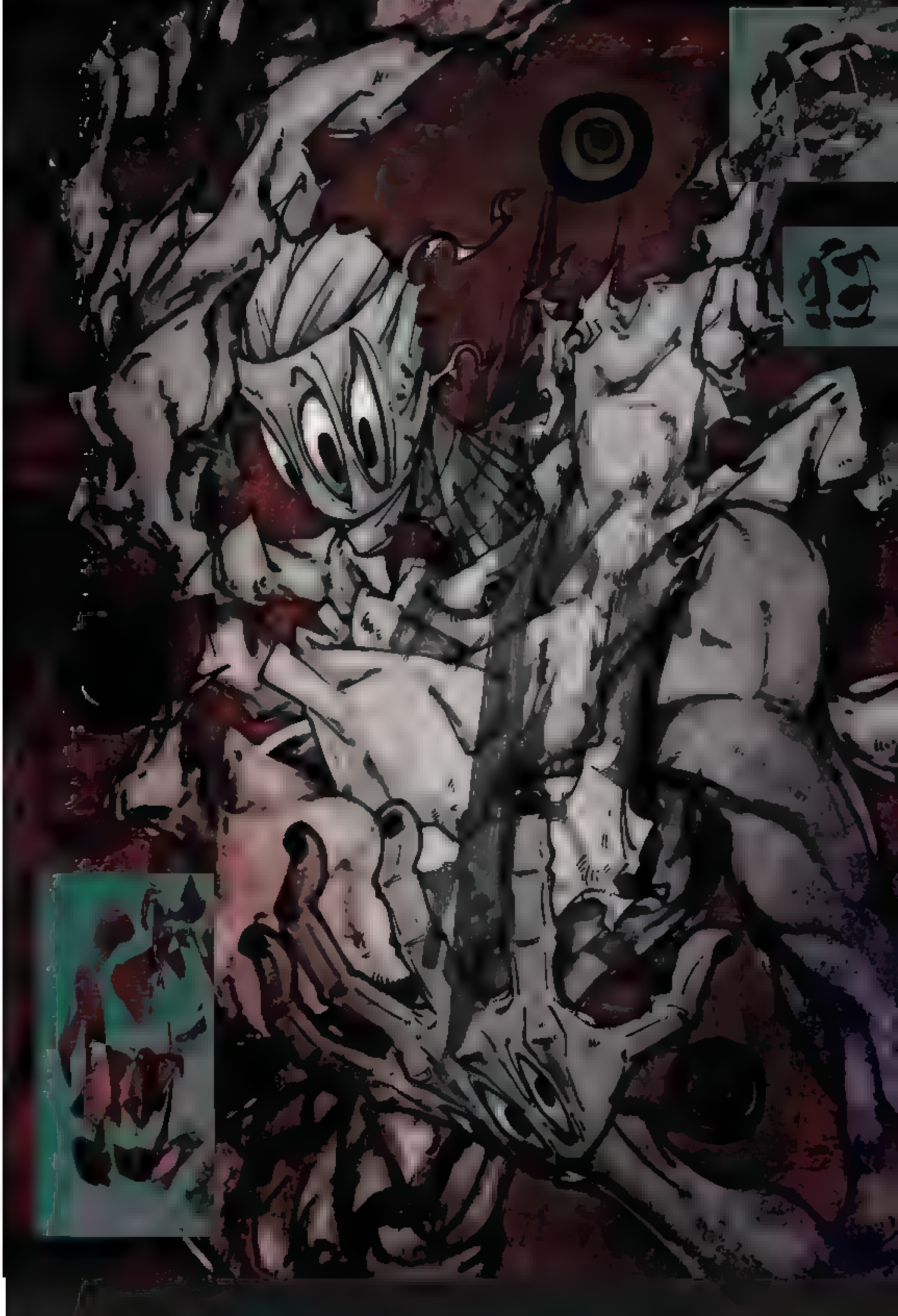


KON (THINK)

THAT'S THE SPIRIT!

KORO (PLINK)

KID!

SOUL EATER

GO ON, BE A "TRUE SHINIGA-MI" LIKE YOUR FATHER AND MANIPULATE THE HUMAN SCUM TO YOUR HEART'S CONTENT!

I'M QUAKING. THE BIRTH OF A NEW TYRANT!

YEEP!

HAAAAAAAAH!

OOOOO (WHOOO)

I WILL NOT...

...BE LIKE YOU!!

IN-CREDI-BLE...

SUCH POWER-FUL WAVE-LEN-GTHS!

JUST WATCH ME, FATHER !!

GIRURURU (WHIRRR)

ゴオオオオ

KUOOO WARRR

KID WILL BE JUST FINE!

I'VE BEEN WATCH-ING ALL ALONG.

PORO (CRMBL)

GO, KID!!

KOOOOO (WHIRRRR)

NOT A KISHIN!!

I AM MY FATHER'S SON!! A SHINI-GAMI!!

I WILL BECOME A SHINIGAMI JUST LIKE THE FATHER I BELIEVED IN!!

GUGU (STRAIN)

HIS THIRD LINE IS GOING TO CONNECT!!

YOU WILL SEE JUST HOW WORTH-LESS AND WRETCHED HUMANITY IS!!

YOU WILL KNOW IF YOU BECOME A TRUE GOD!!

BAN (BAM)

BABAN (BA-BAMM)

AND KID'S LOVE OF HUMANITY MEANS HE WILL NOT NEED TO RELY UPON IT.

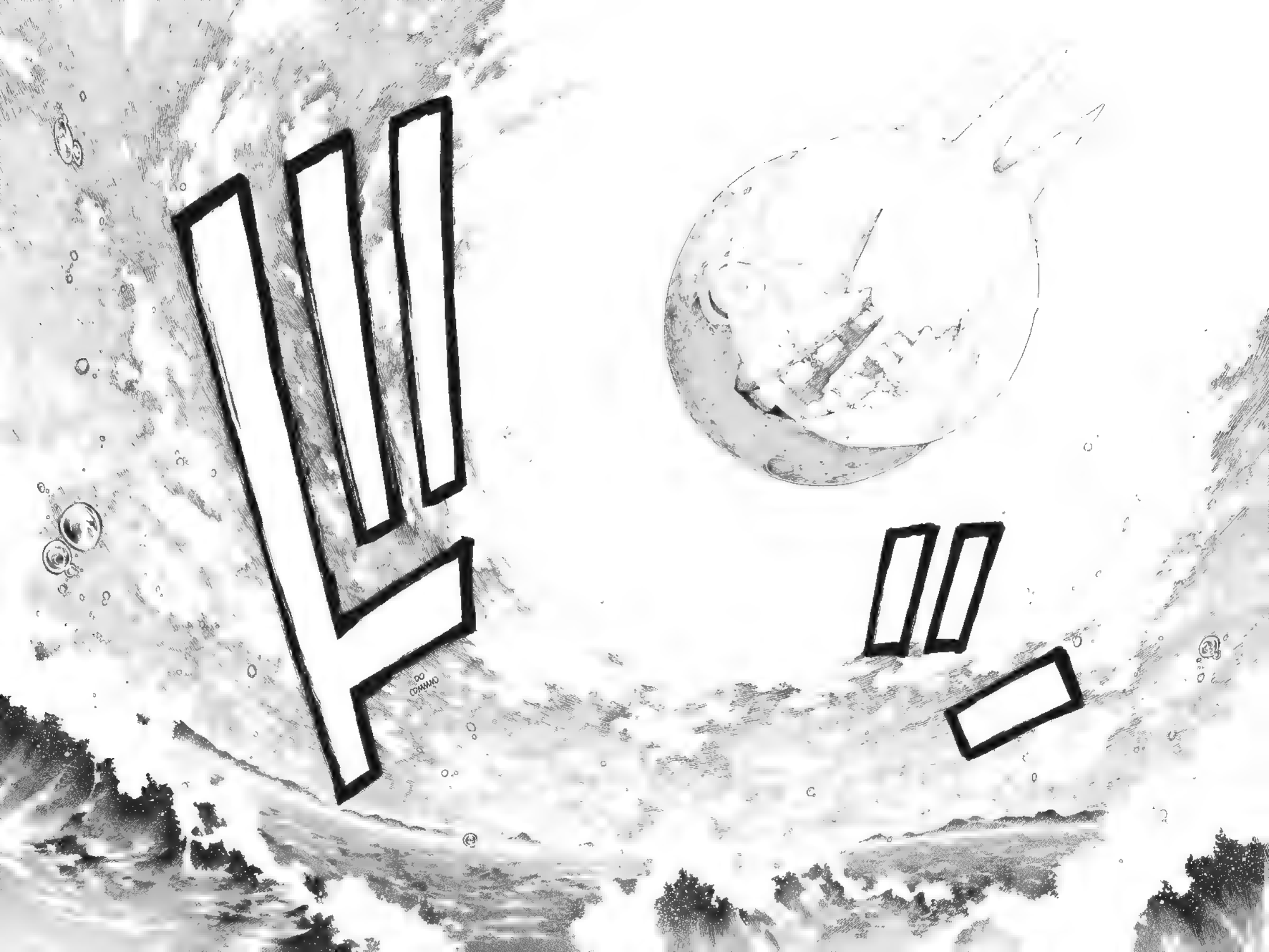
A SHINIGAMI HOLDS TRUE POWER...

I LEAVE THE REST TO YOU, EXCALIBUR. WATCH OVER MY SON AND HIS COMPAN-IONS.

WELL, BYE-BYE.

UNDER-STOOD...

BOSU (FMP)



THIS IS SHINIGAMI POWER... WH-WHAT IS THIS...? DO YOU KNOW, LIZ?

OOOO (WHOOO)

IS IT... MADNESS?

WH-WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "MADNESS"...? IS SHINIGAMI-SAMA THE SAME AS THE KISHIN...?

OH...OHHH! I CAN FEEL IT WITHIN ME... AN INCREDIBLE MADNESS OF ORDER...

AN INTENSE MADNESS SO STRONG THAT IT COULD EVEN ECLIPSE ALL HUMAN EMOTIONS AND LEAVE ONLY A MECHANICAL CYCLE OF BIRTH AND DEATH!!

SO YOU'RE SAYIN' HE JUST NEVER USED IT?

...THEN IT MAKES SENSE THAT SHINIGAMI-SAMA WOULD HAVE AN EQUAL POWER!!

I GET IT! IF THE KISHIN HAS ENOUGH FEAR MAD-NESS TO ENCOMPASS THE ENTIRE WORLD...

HE IS NOT LIKE YOU, KISHIN.

THE FACT THAT FATHER NEVER USED HIS POWER WAS PROOF OF HIS FAITH IN HUMANITY.

HE BELIEVED THAT EVEN IF THE KISHIN COVERED THE WORLD IN MAD-NESS, HUMANITY WOULD NOT GIVE IN.

AND WHAT OF IT!!!?

YOU DON'T WANT TO BE LIKE ME? THEN USE YOUR MADNESS OF ORDER!!

AS A RESULT OF HIS ACTIONS, HUMANITY WRITHES IN FEAR, PRODUCING THIS SICK, SICK WORLD.

YOU THINK SHINIGAMI IS DIFFERENT FROM ME SIMPLY BECAUSE HE DOES NOT USE HIS MADNESS OF ORDER?

YOU ARE BETTER THAN BEFORE, BUT IT'S NOT ENOUGH.

DO (BLAM)

DO

DO

DO

I HAVE FAITH IN HUMANITY, JUST LIKE FATHER!!

YOU'RE THE SAME AS HIM, IF NOT SLIGHTLY WORSE.

ZARI (ZSHHK)

SOUNDS LIKE YOU'VE GOT A HIGH OPINION OF ME, KISHIN-SAN!!

GA (WHAK)

GA

YOU HAVE SURPASSED HUMAN LIMITS— YOU ARE WORTHY OF BEING CALLED A WARRIOR GOD.

GA

TO BE A SHINIGAMI DIFFERENT FROM ME, YOU MUST USE YOUR MADNESS OF ORDER.

THE REST ARE HUMAN SCUM.

PIKU (TWITCH)

I APPRE-CIATE THE COMPLI-MENT...

...BUT I AM A HUMAN— ONE WHO TRANSCENDS GODHOOD!!

THE SAME "SCUM" YOU KEEP BITCHING ABOUT!

(WHOOM)

MAKA !!

YOU AGAIN. YOU IRRITATE ME...

BAN (WHAM)

STAY OUT OF THIS FIGHT, HUMAN SCUM!!

GIGIGI (STRAIN)

EVEN I WAS CREATED IN THE FORM OF A HUMAN!!

DON (BAM)

PAN (PWOOSH)

GYA (SHAK)

!!

GA (THWAK)

DAMN YOU!!

I'LL CRUSH YOU UNDER THE PRES-SURE!!

DOGO (KABOOM)

SHIT ...

HEY, SOUL! PUT SOME SPIRIT INTO IT!

THE BLACK BLOOD AIN'T BOILING!!

SHUT UP! NO SPEAKING DURING MY PERFOR-MANCE!

DAN (SLAM)

!!

SOUL!

I'LL GET THE BLACK BLOOD FLOWING AT MAXIMUM SPEED.

THAT GAVE ME A LOT OF TROUBLE BEFORE, BUT I'LL BE ALL RIGHT NOW.

I WON'T LOSE SIGHT OF MYSELF AGAIN.

I HATE TO ADMIT IT, BUT IT'S TRUE.

THIS CREEPY ROOM AND MY AWFUL PIANO PLAYING ARE PART OF ME...

WHAT'S THIS? THE BLACK BLOOD WITHIN ME IS WRITH-ING...

IT'S THEM AGAIN...

LISTEN TO MY PIANO, YOU KISHIN BAS-TARD!!

I WILL START WITH YOU.

BA (LUNGE)

GAN (WHAM)

BYA (SWOOSH)

DAN (BLAM)

NOT SO FAST!!

GA

GA

GA (WHAK)

DO

DO

DO (BANG)

GUGU (PRESS)

PA (CLAP)

BO (BWOOM)

BON (THOOM)

GUBO (BWOOSH)

DIE.

SATTO
(RAGDOLL)

SOUL EATER

DO
(SHNK)

BLACK BLOOD!

IS THAT ...!?

KEH KEH KEH!

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KARAN

KARAN (JINGLE)

I'M PRETTY SURE IT WAS HERE.

A CAFÉ?

EXCUSE ME. I'D LIKE TO USE THE PIANO IN THE BACK.

YOUR NAME'S MAKA, RIGHT? WHY ME?

I'M A SCYTHE-MEISTER, AND YOU'RE A SCYTHE, RIGHT?

?

.....

HMM.

I'M GONNA PLAY THE PIANO...YOU CAN THINK OF IT LIKE MY INTRODUC-TION.

OHHH, INTEREST-ING.

SHOW-OFF.

KEH HYEH.

GURYU (GURK)

I SAW THE LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL.

KEH HEH.

OR SHOULD I SAY...THE START OF THE TUNNEL?

MAKA !!!

!!

OH!

ZUBO (SHLUK)

WHY, YOU ...!

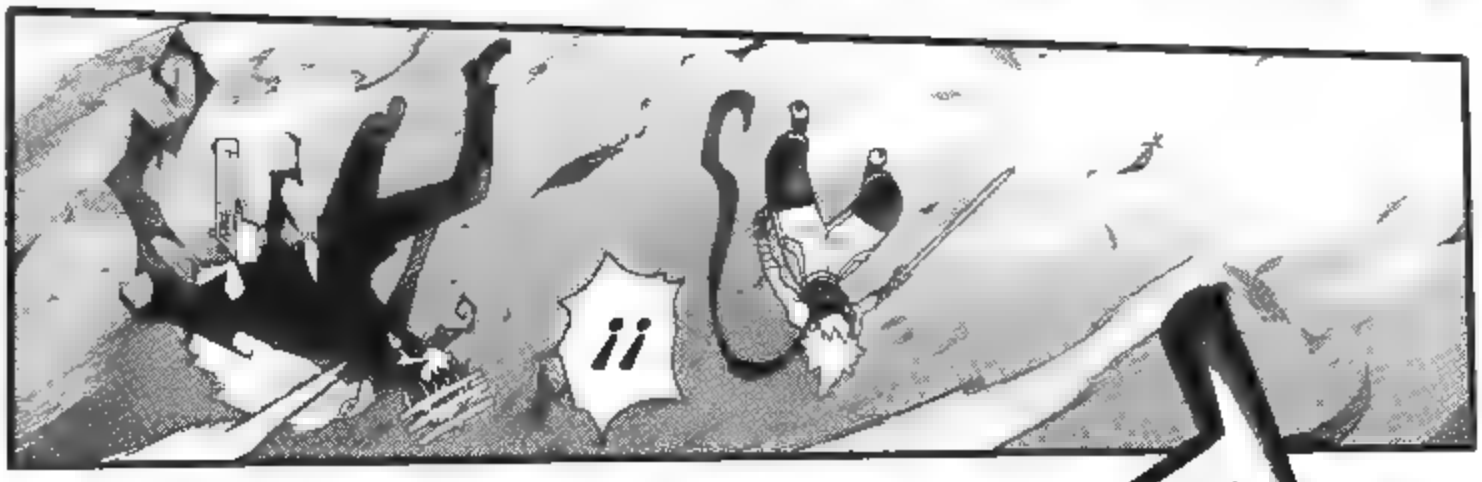
BLACK BLOOD AT FULL BLAST!!

GOOO (WHOO)

THE BLACK BLOOD DESTROYED THE BOUNDARY? SO SHE DID WHAT CRONA DID?

ARE THEY TRYING TO HARMONIZE WITH THE MADNESS!?

PAAA
(FSHHH)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(WOOM-)
DO

BASA
(FWISH)

SOUL, IS THIS...?

YEAH, I JUST FIGURED IT OUT.

I CAN GET INSIDE THE KISHIN WITH THE POWER OF MY BLACK BLOOD.

I CAN REACH CRONA!!

OOOO (WHOO)

YOU ALL RIGHT? I THOUGHT YOU WERE DEAD!

I WAS SCARED MYSELF FOR A MOMENT.

IT'S THE SOUND OF A PIANO.

THIS HIDEOUS NOISE...I'VE PIECED IT TOGETHER.

ALONE, I CAN'T LAND A SINGLE BLOW ON THE KISHIN.

BLACK☆ STAR, KID, I HAVE A REQUEST...

SO WE NEED TO BREAK THROUGH THE KISHIN'S DEFENSES, EH?

WE'LL FIGURE IT OUT SOME-HOW.

WE NEED TO DO EVERYTHING WITHIN OUR POWER TO ALLOW YOU TO CONNECT!

YOU WILL BREAK MY DEFENSE?

YOU CANNOT EVEN GET CLOSE TO ME.

OOH, SCARY! I'M AFRAID... SO MUCH UNCER-TAINTY...

DO (BOOM)

KAH!

YOU THINK THE BLACK BLOOD MAKES YOU IMMORTAL?

DERO (GLUP)

BA (WHOOSH)

AAAH!!

ZUCH! (SHLRK)

GUSU (THUD)

YOUR MISERABLE POWER IS PITIFULLY VULNERABLE! I HAVE ANY NUMBER OF WAYS TO KILL YOU AT MY DISPOSAL!

YOU CANNOT MELT VAJRA.

GO (WHOK)

ZUN (DOOM)

!!

KOFF!

GHACK!

OTHER-WISE YOU MIGHT HAVE FARED A BIT BETTER.

YOU ARE UNDONE BY YOUR PITIFUL COMPAN-IONS.

BLACK ☆ STAR!!

GU (STOMP)

IT'S MY FAULT...

B... BLACK ☆ STAR...

DON'T WORRY ABOUT MY ARM!! JUST FACE FORWARD AND DON'T LOOK BACK!!

RAAAH!!

BA (WHOOSH)

YOUR SPINE IS...

BLACK☆ STAR...

IF MY SPINE GETS RIPPED OUT, I'LL STAY UPRIGHT WITH MUSCLE ALONE...

WHAT CAN AN INFANT SHINIGAMI POSSIBLY DO?

GA

GA

GA

GA (DSH)

BAN (WHAM)

YOU HAVE ALREADY LOST YOUR ORIGINAL SPARK, SCUM.

ドゴ

DOZU (BOOM)

ベゴン BEGON

ベゴン BEGON (CRUNCH)

ベゴン BEGON

ガオ GAO (GLARE)

DOGON (SMASH)

GRGH!

GORI (GRIND)

YOU HUMANS LOOK SO FOOLISH.

AND AFTER CHANGING INTO YOUR SUNDAY BEST AND ALL. YOU'RE A JOKE.

YOU SHOULD BE COWERING IN THE SHADOWS LIKE ME.

WAS THIS YOUR VERY BEST ATTEMPT?

IT WAS A WASTE OF TIME, BEING SCARED OF YOU SCUM.

DEEP IN YOUR HEART, YOU KNOW IT'S TRUE. YOU STAND NO CHANCE.

GOGOGOGO (RRRRUMBLE)

I CAN... STILL...

NOT... DONE... YET...

!!

MEKI

MEKI

I-MEKI (CRAK)

GUGU (FLEX)

USE YOUR MADNESS OF ORDER!! IF YOU CAN'T COUNTER-ACT MY MADNESS, YOUR FRIEND WILL DIE!!

WHAT'S THE MATTER, SHINI-GAMI!? JUST GOING TO STAND THERE AND WATCH THIS TRASH BE COMPACT-ED FLAT!?

GAAAH!!

PA (FLIK)

I WILL BELIEVE IN MY FRIENDS! NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS!!

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GUSHA (CRUNCH)

I TOLD YOU THAT I WOULD CAUSE YOU TO FEEL EVERY KIND OF FEAR, BUT I GROW TIRED OF THIS.

DIE NOW.

HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA!

YOU'RE LIKE A SQUASHED FROG!!

GYAN (WHANG)

...WHAT THE...

WH...

MAINTAIN COOR-DINATES AND PREPARE FOR NEXT SHOT!!

DAMN, FROM HERE TO THE SURFACE OF THE MOON! AZUSA-SAN'S PRECISION IS AMAZING...

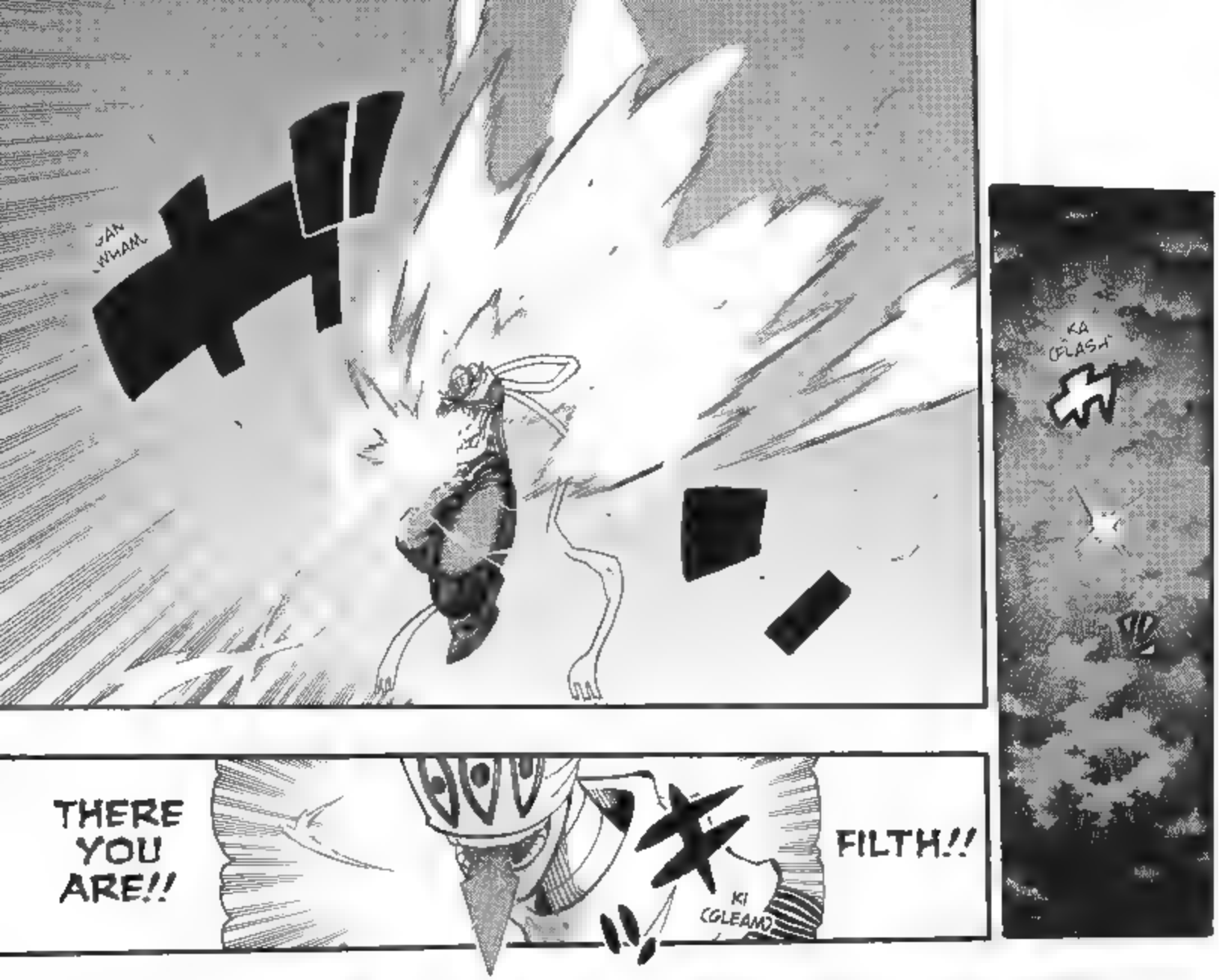
...BUT SO IS YOUR TRAJECTORY CALCULATION! YOU'RE THE BEST SPOTTER A GUY COULD HAVE!

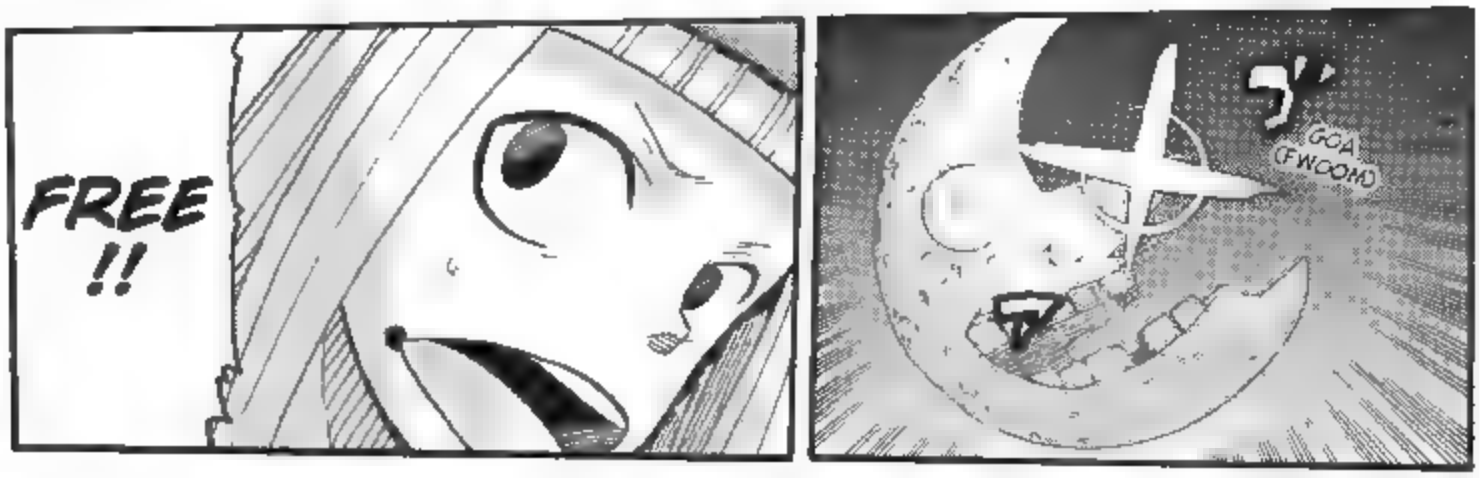
SPOOKY.

QUIT YAP-PING!

HE'LL HAVE NOTICED OUR LOCATION BY NOW! HERE COMES THE COUNTER!!

RIB-BIT!


JAN
WHAM
KA
FLASH
THERE YOU ARE!!
KI
(GLEAM)
FILTH!!


FREE
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GOA
(FWOOM)

FU
(FFT)
GOO
(WHOOO)
Wool-fuh wolves, wolf-wolves!

GOL (DOOM)

SHUTA (SHHK)

I NEED ENEMY COORDI-NATES!!

THIS IS STEIN AND MARIE. PREPARATIONS ARE COMPLETE.

OOOO (WHOO)

Ribbit! Sending enemy coordi-nates directly to your brain.

HERE WE GO, MARIE!!

TIME FOR YOU TO SEE THE TRUE POWER OF MJOLNIR!

DOGON CDA-BOOMO

I WAS AFRAID OF THIS...I MISSED BY A LOT!

IN THAT CASE ...

!?

KUN (ZUNK)

GON (WHAM)

YOU SCUM ...

GON (WHAMM)

BE-GONE !!

GAH (THWAM)

WORTH-LESS HUMANS, ONE AFTER ANOTH-ER!!

GAH !!

BOMU! (BOOM)

!?

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!!AAAS-IAOZ

GIVE BACK THE OTHER NOAH-SAMA!!

HMM?

SO MANY NOAH-SAMAS.

ゴ" GOKU (GULP)

YOU MEAN THIS GAR-BAGE?

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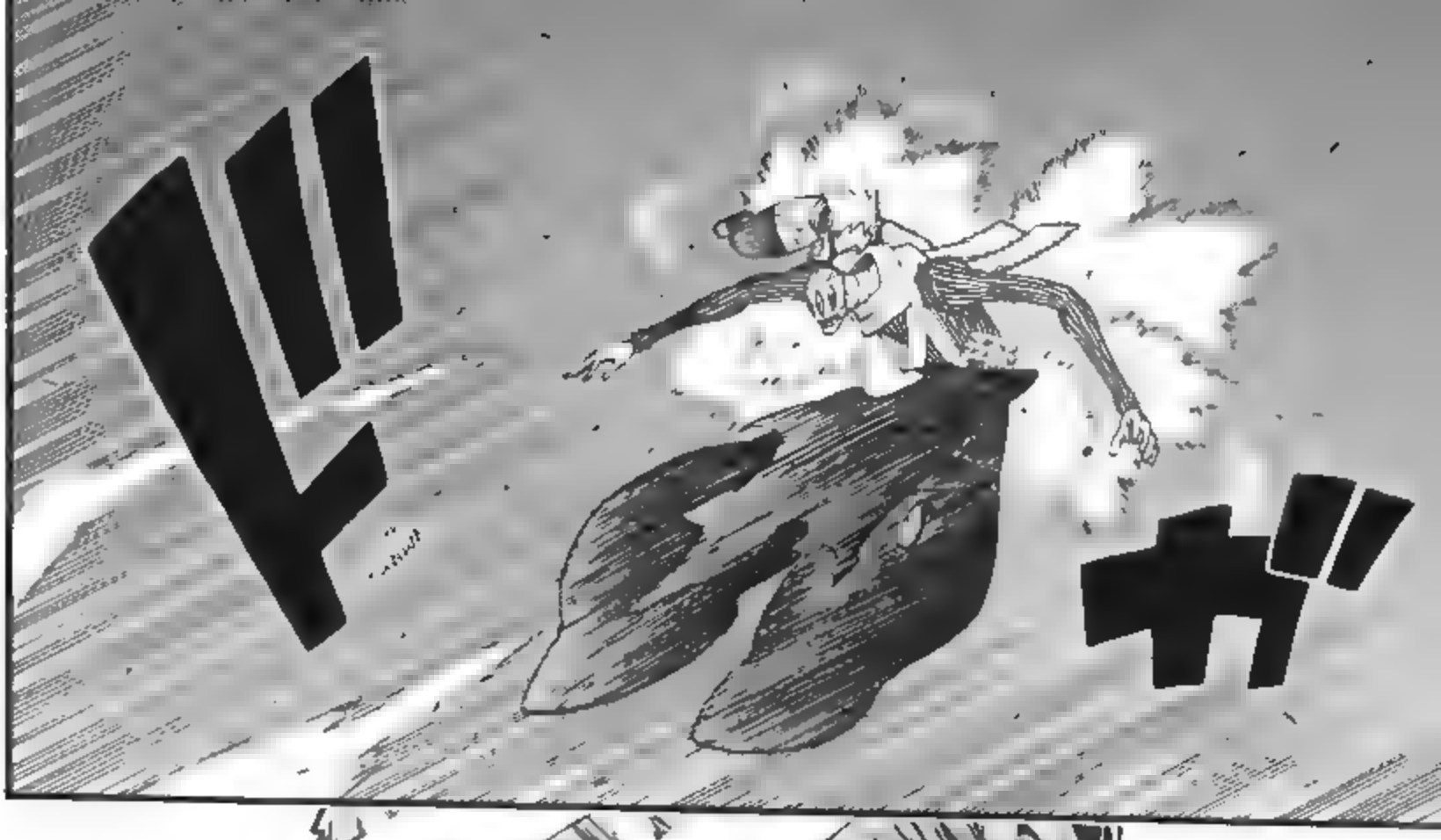
ドボ GEBO (BLURP)



THIS IS THEIR STRENGTH! THE THING YOU LOOKED DOWN ON BUT FATHER BELIEVED IN!!

DON'T UNDER-ESTI-MATE THE POWER OF HUMAN-ITY!!

LET'S SHOW THE BAS-TARD!!

MAKA!

PLAY ME!!

SU (SSK)

MY WAVE-LENGTH!!

THAT'S YOUR WAVE-LENGTH!!!

PLAY WITH YOUR SOUL!

DAAN (SLAM)

DOGAGA (WHAM)

ARGH!!

I CAN FIGHT BECAUSE EVERYONE ELSE IS WITH ME!!

DON'T YOU FEEL LIKE COMING INSIDE ME TO TRAVEL THE PATH OF FEAR!?

GARARARA GARRUNGO

LET MY COUR-AGE BECOME THIS ATTACK !!!

KISHINHUNT!!

SOUL EATER

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SOUL EATER

DORU
DORU
(BLARRK)

DO YOU FEEL LIKE VENTURING INSIDE!? LET'S SEE HOW YOU HANDLE THIS FEAR ON YOUR OWN!!

YOUR FEAR BROUGHT TOGETHER SOULS THAT HAD LONG BEEN SCATTERED— HUMANS, SHINIGAMI, WITCHES, AND WEIRD THINGS I CAN'T EVEN DESCRIBE!!

YOU'RE ABOUT TO FIND OUT WHAT THAT TRULY MEANS!!

EVEN A GOD MUST HAVE HEARD THE HUMAN SAYING: "ENOUGH DUST MAKES A MOUNTAIN"!

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DORU (DRSHK)

DOPUN (BLOOSH)

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PEO-
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PEO-
PLE...

PIANO

THE THINGS...I RAN AWAY FROM...

PIANO IS WHAT CONNECTS ME TO EVERYBODY ELSE

...I CAN HELP OTHERS UNDER-STAND WHO I AM.

THROUGH THE PIANO...

WHAT IS IT NOW?

SOUL.

SOUL.

I THINK WE'RE INSIDE THE KISHIN.

IS THIS...A SEA OF BLACK BLOOD...?

WELL...

I'LL TRY...

CAN YOU FEEL CRONA'S WAVE-LENGTH?

HORROR (PSYCHO-LOGICAL FEAR)

RGH ...!

THOSE LIGHTS BIGGER THAN THE OTHERS MUST BE BLACK☆STAR AND KID...

LET'S GO.

CRONA IS FURTHER INSIDE.

YOU HEAR MAKA'S SHITTY PIANO PLAYING, KID?

HA... HA HA... THERE THEY GO...

IT WAS SO AWFUL, I FELT SICK TO MY STOMACH.

HA-HA-HA... YES...

AT THIS STAGE OF THE BATTLE, YOU LAUGH!? TRULY TERRIFYING !!

BLN (WHOOSH)

HOW LONG WILL YOU CLING TO ME!?

I AM SOUL EATEN...
MY SOUL WAS DEVOURED BY THIS DARK-NESS...
FEAR..... MADNESS..... DARKNESS.....

...BUT IT WAS NO USE.

I TRIED TO ESCAPE THIS GNAWING...

BUT I DON'T BELIEVE THAT I CAN MASTER THIS FEAR...

SO I TRIED TO MAKE THIS FEAR MY OWN.

...HOPING TO PROVE THAT I WASN'T THE WORST...

I CHOSE TO SINK INTO THE DEPTHS...

I STOLE EVERY-THING FROM OTHERS.

I BETRAYED MY FRIENDS, KILLED MY MOTHER...

IT MEANS NOTHING.

IT'S ALL AN EXCUSE.

IT REAL-LY...

...HOLDS NO MEANING AT ALL...

FOREVER... I WILL NEVER ESCAPE THIS DARKNESS... THERE IS NOTHING AHEAD...

OVER AND OVER AND OVER THIS HAPPENS...

...BUT I STILL CLING TO THIS FORM, HOPING...

EVERYTHING ELSE THE KISHIN HAS SWALLOWED IS BLENDED TOGETHER INTO A SHAPELESS MASS...

BUT STILL, I CLING ON...

I CAN GIVE UP MY BODY AND BRING AN END TO MY PATHETIC EXISTENCE.

I SHOULD JUST DIE, LET IT ALL END... THERE WILL BE NOTHING TO BIND ME ANYMORE...

MEDUSA-SAMA IS ALREADY DEAD...

HOW PRESUMP-TUOUS OF ME.

I REALLY AM LIKE MY MOTHER.

THIS PERSIS-TENCE IS LAUGH-ABLE...

THERE IS A PART OF ME THAT CAN'T GIVE UP ON MYSELF... THAT STILL CLINGS TO LIFE.

OF COURSE, I DON'T REALLY INTEND TO DO THAT.

MY TENACIOUS OBSESSION...

I EVEN DISGUST MYSELF...

I WANT TO SEE YOU JUST ONCE MORE...

... MAKA .....

CRONA...

MAKA...?

GON (GONK)

MAKA CHOP!

I'M EVEN SEEING HALLUCINATIONS OF MAKA. .

I GUESS THIS REALLY MUST BE THE END OF ME...

CRONA...

THE... THE REAL THING?

IF YOU'RE THE REAL MAKA...

...THEN YOU MUST BE REALLY OBSESSED TOO.

OB-SESSED?

OF COURSE I AM!

ISN'T THAT RIGHT?

YOU'VE COME ALL THE WAY HERE JUST TO SEE ME.

AND I MADE A FOOL OF MYSELF IN STAYING HERE AND WAITING FOR YOU. I'VE HAD A DESPICABLE FIXATION ON MEETING YOU AS WELL.

YOU DON'T CALL THAT "BELIEVING IN SOMEONE"?

BELIEV-ING?

WE REACHED AN UNDERSTANDING ONCE, REMEMBER?

THERE'S NO REASON WE CAN'T DO IT AGAIN!!

TH... THAT'S NOT TRUE...

AND YOU BELIEVED IN ME! YOU'RE PRACTICALLY A STALKER.

TECHNICALLY... IT'S MORE THAT WE WANT TO BELIEVE IN WHAT MAKA BELIEVES IN...

WE BELIEVED IN YOU TOO.

THAT'S RIGHT.

IT'S POSSIBLE TO UNDERSTAND AND RESPECT SOMEONE YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND THROUGH THE HELP OF SOMEONE YOU CARE ABOUT.

WHAT IF GOING THROUGH MAKA...HELPS YOU REDUCE WHAT CAUSES YOU ANXIETY?

BUT IT'S LIKE HOW KID BELIEVED IN THE WITCHES.

THAT'S THE STRENGTH OF HUMANITY.

SOMETHING THAT THE PARANOID KISHIN CAN NEVER DO.

OUT-SIDE...

LET'S GO OUTSIDE! EVERYONE'S WAITING.

?

I CAN'T GO BACK.

I CAN'T.

IT'S BECAUSE YOU CAME ALL THIS WAY THAT I CAN'T.

SHEESH! LOOK, WE CAME ALL THIS WAY FOR YOU.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

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I'M SURE THERE'S SOMETHING I CAN DO WITH THE COURAGE YOU'VE GIVEN ME—SOMETHING ONLY I CAN DO.

I WAS REALLY HAPPY... THAT YOU ACTUALLY CAME HERE FOR ME.

I COMMITTED A CRIME—WHAT THE WORLD WOULD CALL AN UNFORGIVABLE SIN.

MY HEART NEEDS TO BE SUFFICIENTLY HEAVY BEFORE I CAN JUST POP BACK OUT THERE.

WHAT IS THAT?

SOMETHING ONLY YOU CAN DO?

BUT IT WOULD BE UNTHINKABLE TO LET HIM CONTINUE HIS RAMPAGE.

THE KISHIN IS FEAR ITSELF—AS LONG AS LIFE EXISTS, FEAR WILL NEVER DISAPPEAR COMPLETELY.

WHEN I FUSED WITH THE KISHIN, I QUICKLY LEARNED THAT I CANNOT KILL HIM.

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MAY I SEE IT?

WHERE DID YOU GET THE BOOK YOU USED FOR YOUR MAKA CHOP?

THAT'S WHY I'M SAYING WE HAVE TO TEAM UP AND—

I PICKED IT UP ON THE WAY HERE.

THE BOOK OF EIBON? "BREW" !!?

ISN'T THAT ...?

BOTH "BREW" AND THE GREAT OLD ONE OF POWER THAT SLEEPS WITHIN THE BOOK OF EIBON MUST NOT ESCAPE

THIS IS THE CREATION OF EIBON, THE GREAT OLD ONE OF KNOWLEDGE. I SAW THE TERRIBLE COMBINATIONS IT CREATED

WITH MY MAD BLOOD, I CAN SEAL UP EVERY-THING, THE KISHIN INCLUDED.

I JUST WANT TO REPAY YOU, MAKA. YOU'VE ALWAYS GIVEN ME COURAGE.

WAIT! THEN WHAT ABOUT YOU!?

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YOU UNDER-STAND, RIGHT, SOUL?

TO BE HONEST, I DON'T EVEN UNDERSTAND WHAT "CRIME" I MUST ANSWER FOR.

I DON'T CARE ABOUT THE REST OF THE WORLD.

YOU WERE THE FIRST TO TREAT ME LIKE A PERSON.

IT'S SOME-THING ONLY YOU CAN DO. WILL YOU?

BESIDES, WE NEED TO MAKE THE KISHIN BLEED!

I CAN SUPPRESS THIS FEAR... THIS MADNESS, FOR THAT GOAL.

I JUST WANT TO FIGHT FOR YOUR SAKE, MAKA.

I CAN SUPPRESS THE KISHIN.

YOU CANNOT FIND THE EXIT IN THIS REALM OF DARKNESS.

DO YOU REALLY THINK I WILL JUST LET YOU ESCAPE?

FIGURED THIS WOULD HAPPEN...

!

I CONNECTED THE SOULS TO FORM A PATH TO GUIDE US.

ARE THOSE... SOUL NOTES?

HUH...?

GO AHEAD, SLOT IT IN THERE.

I LEFT THE VERY FIRST NOTE OPEN FOR YOU.

IT'S THE SAME FOR ME TOO.

LOOK, IT'S NOT LIKE I'M ASKING YOU TO "GO WITH THE FLOW" AND BE "ONE OF THE PACK." JUST JUMP IN THERE AND WORRY ABOUT THE DETAILS LATER.

I DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO JOIN IN.

THAT'S ALL THE SOULS OF EVERY-ONE IN THE WORLD, ISN'T IT?

DON BANG

ALL DONE.

IT'S THE GREATEST SONG EVER WRITTEN.

JUST WAIT HERE!!

I'LL COME BACK FOR YOU!

I BELIEVE YOU.

...AND RELEASE CRONA'S MAD BLOOD TO THE OUTSIDE.

WE'LL MAKE THE KISHIN BLEED FROM THE INSIDE...

I HAVE TO FACE FORWARD FOR NOW...

GA

GA

GA (OSH)

GA

GA

GA

GA

GA

KA (FLASH)

GYAN (ZHANG)

ENOUGH DUST MAKES WHAT, DID YOU SAY!!?

GO (DWOOM)

DUST IS ONLY EVER DUST!!

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KOOOO (WHHHHH)

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THEY EVEN SCAT-TER LIKE DUST.

AAAH!!

THIS SONG...

!

IT'S GOING TO GUIDE US TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD.

IT'S THE SONG I WAS PLAYING WHEN I MET YOU. THIS SONG WAS THE START OF MY COURAGE

!!

YOU WASTE YOUR TIME...THE MADNESS SWALLOWS THE SOULS OF ALL PEOPLE!!

BA

GUGUGU (STRAIN)

THEY ONLY JUMPED IN THERE MOMENTS AGO— I'D BE FRIGHTENED IF THEY LEAPED OUT JUST AS QUICKLY.

ARE THEY TRYING TO ESCAPE !?

DON'T LET HIM SEAL THE EXIT! PRY IT OPEN!!

BA (FWIP)

HMPH!!

RAAAH!!

DO

DO

DO (DMP)

WHY DON'T YOU BREAK!? THIS IS THE ULTIMATE FEAR!!

WHAT ARE THOSE EYES? THEY'RE TERRIFYING!!

A DUMBASS LIKE YOU WOULD NEVER UNDER-STAND!!

OOO (WHOO)

SHUT UP, YOU BAB-BLING IDIOT!!

YOU'RE A CHUMP! ALL YOU HAVE IS STREN-GTH!!

I SEE IT! THE LIGHT AHEAD!!

THIS IS THE FINALE!!

BLACK STAR!!

KID !!

TSU-BAKI !!

PAT-TY!!

LIZ!!

THE KISHIN HUNT ISN'T OVER UNTIL WE ALL RETURN TOGETHER...

WE'RE COMBINING EVERYONE'S SOULS...

SOUL RESO-NANCE !!!

THIS IS OUR PROOF THAT WE CAN SUR-PASS YOU!!
SHOW HIM THE STRENGTH OF OUR SOULS!!
OUR COURAGE !!!

ZUO (ZWOOSH)

THERE CAN BE NO ESCAPE FROM FEAR.

YOU WILL BE SWAL-LOWED BY IT, DRAGGED INTO IT, TO WANDER IN THE DARK-NESS...

GUH...

RAAAH!! THIS WON'T STOP ME!!

BAM

BAM

BAM

SO TERRIFY-ING, IT'S REPUL-SIVE!! I'VE NEVER TASTED SUCH HORROR BEFORE!

CRONA.

LET'S MEET AGAIN, MAKA.

THAT LOOKS LIKE...

CAN IT BE THAT I'M SO AFRAID, MORE AFRAID THAN I'VE EVER BEEN, BECAUSE I WAS BEATEN BY HUMANS !!?

MAKA, STAY AWAY!!

DAD!

NO!! DON'T GO DOWN THERE!!

STOP!

AAAAAH!!

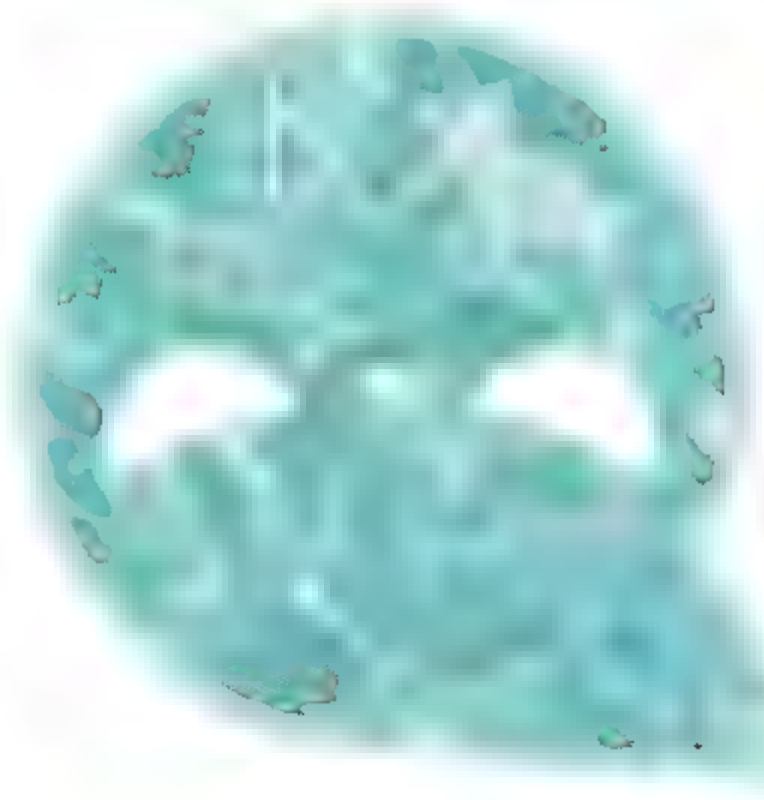
AND FINALLY, YOU BELIEVED IN OTHERS TO CON-STRUCT A PILLAR OF STRENGTH THAT WOULD TOWER OVER HORROR!!
SO YOU CAST OFF YOUR FLESH AND OVERCAME TERROR, THEN USED "BREW" TO CONQUER DREAD!!

BUT IT IS A FRAIL PILLAR INDEED! EASILY TOPPLED!!

AND ONCE IT DOES, YOU ARE DONE! MADNESS WILL TAKE OVER AGAIN! GOOD-BYE UNTIL THEN!

YOU WILL AGAIN HOLE UP WITH ME AND COWER!!

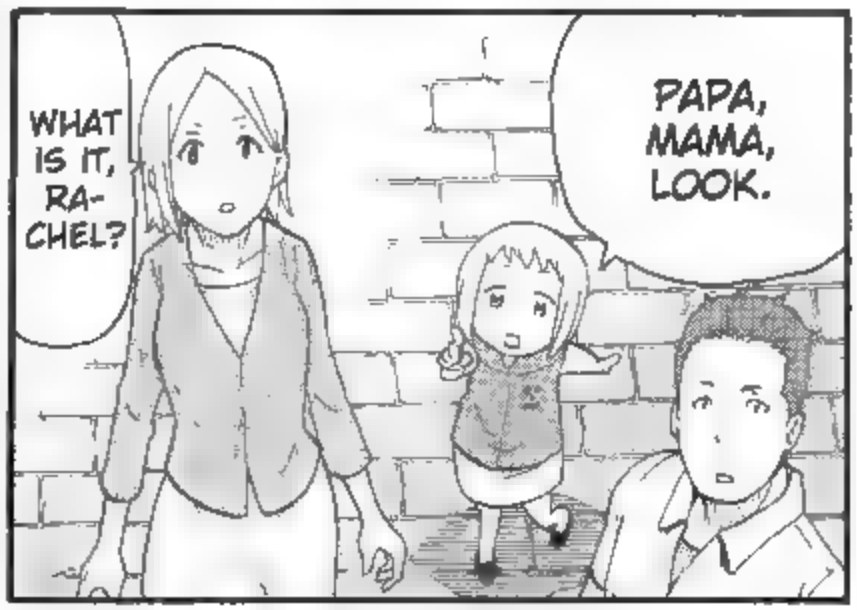
SOUL EATER

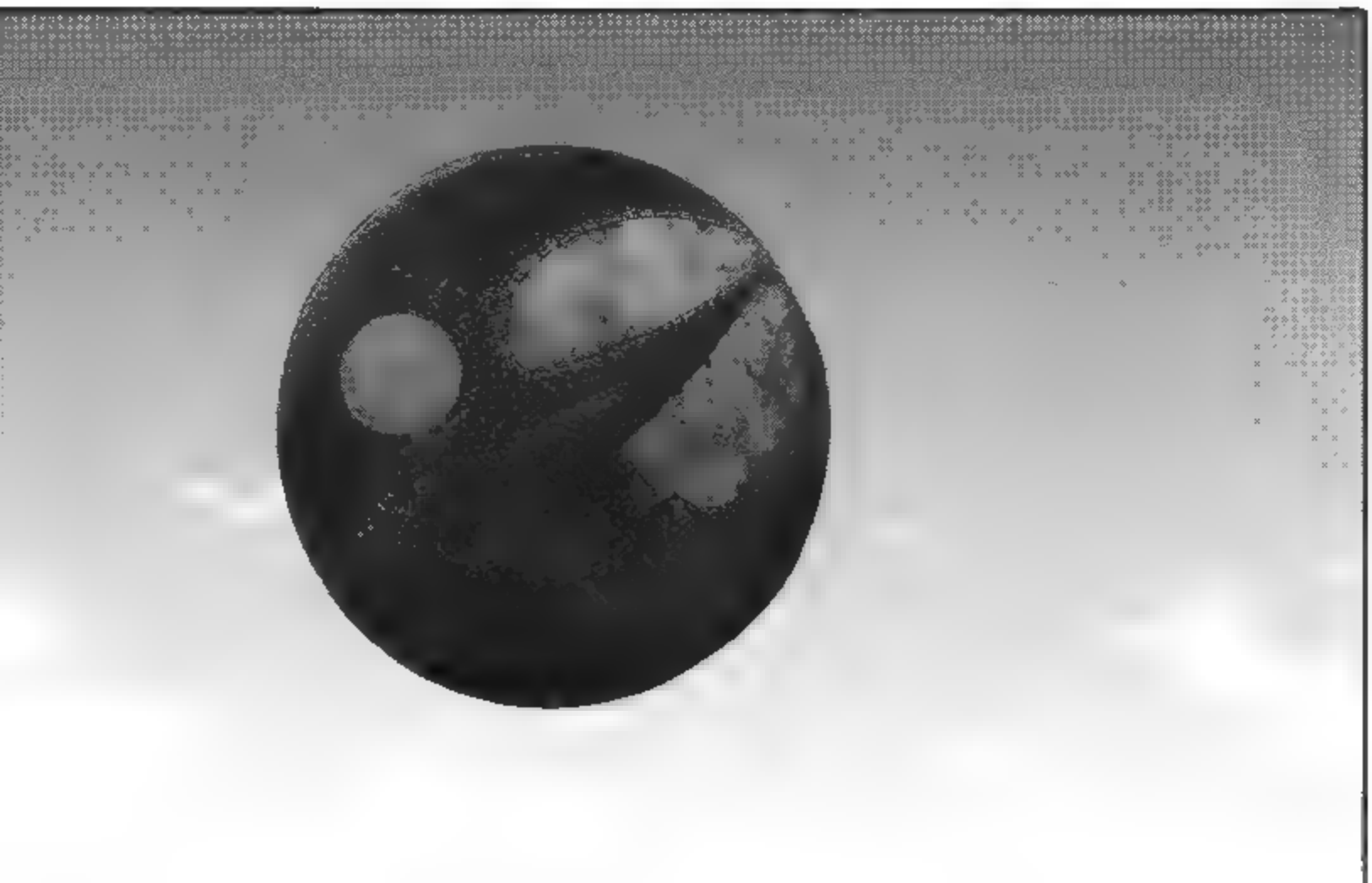


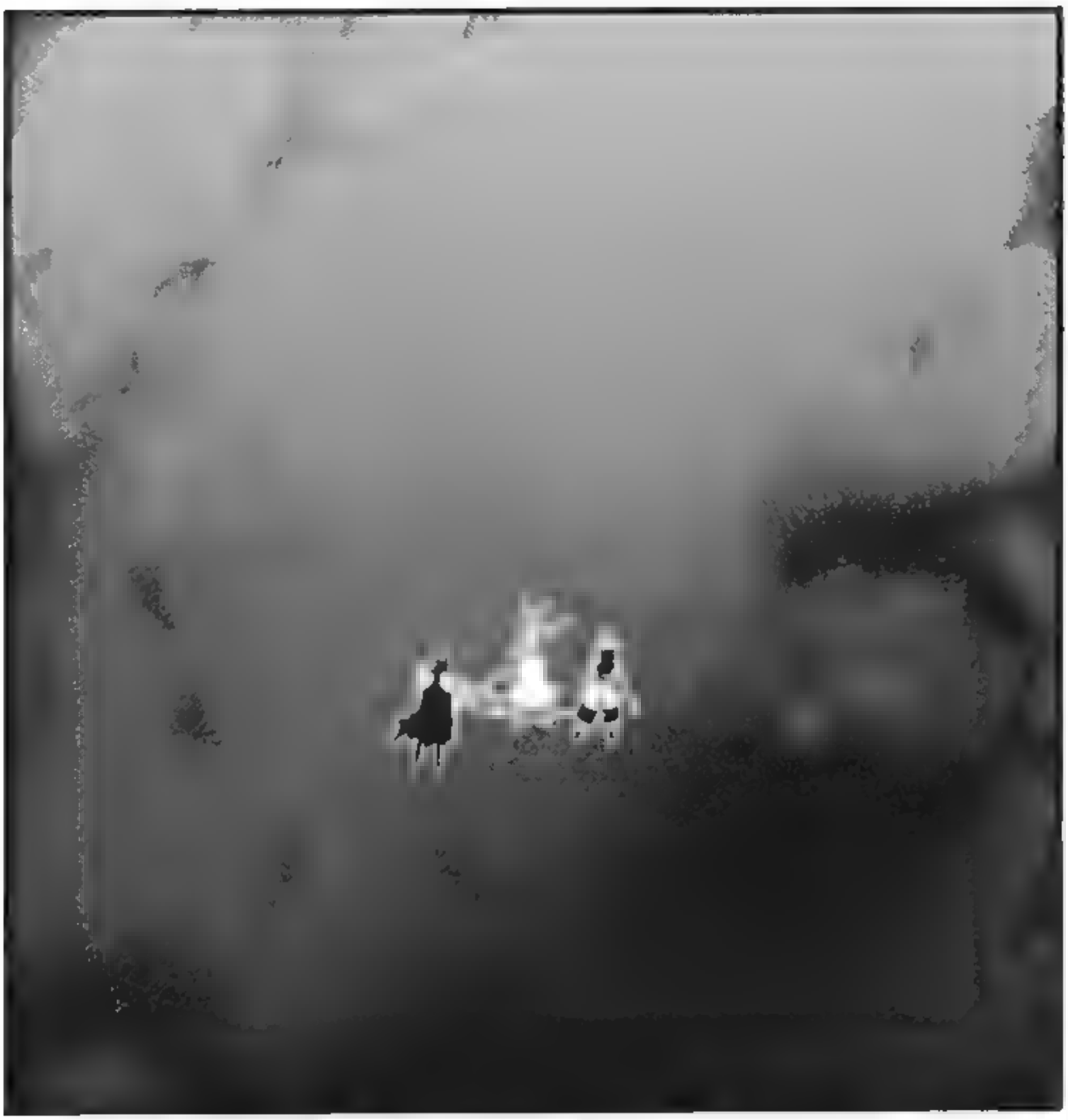
FINAL CHAPTER:
A SOUND SOUL DWELLS IN A SOUND MIND AND A SOUND BODY

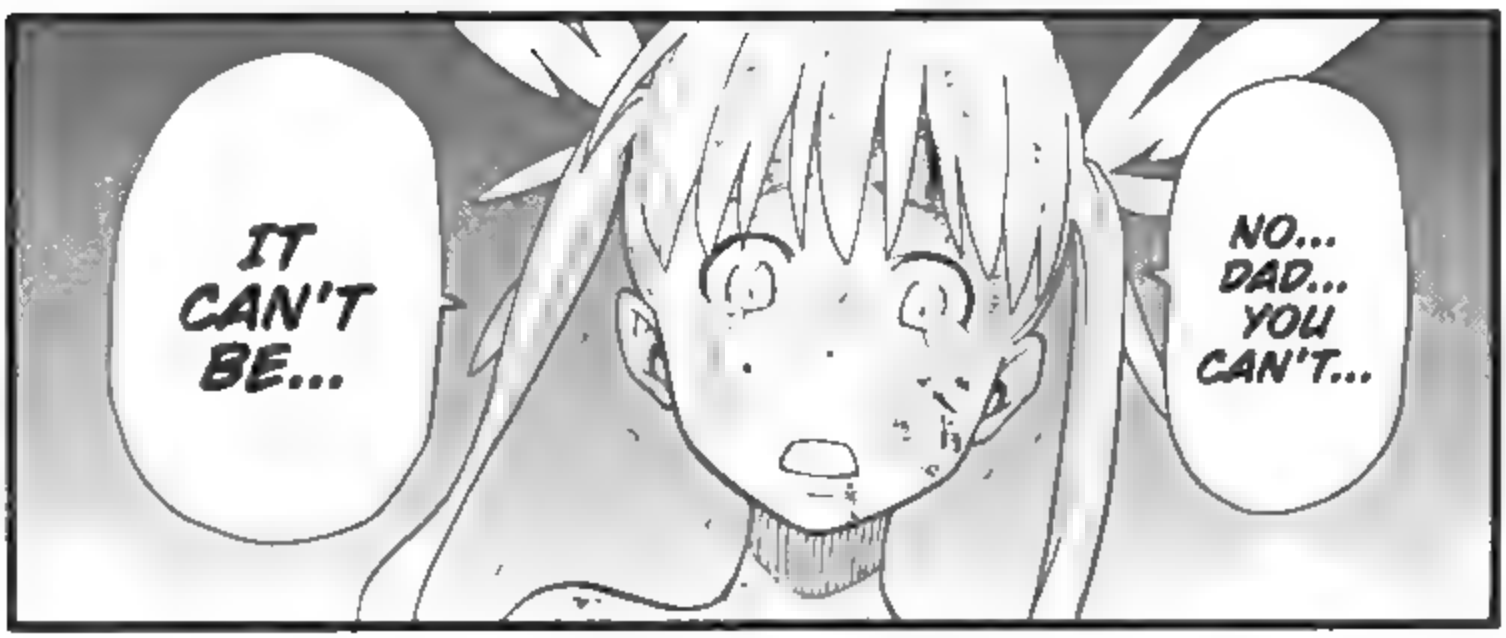
SOUL EATER

IT'S BLACK.
OH, I DIDN'T KNOW THERE WAS A LUNAR ECLIPSE...

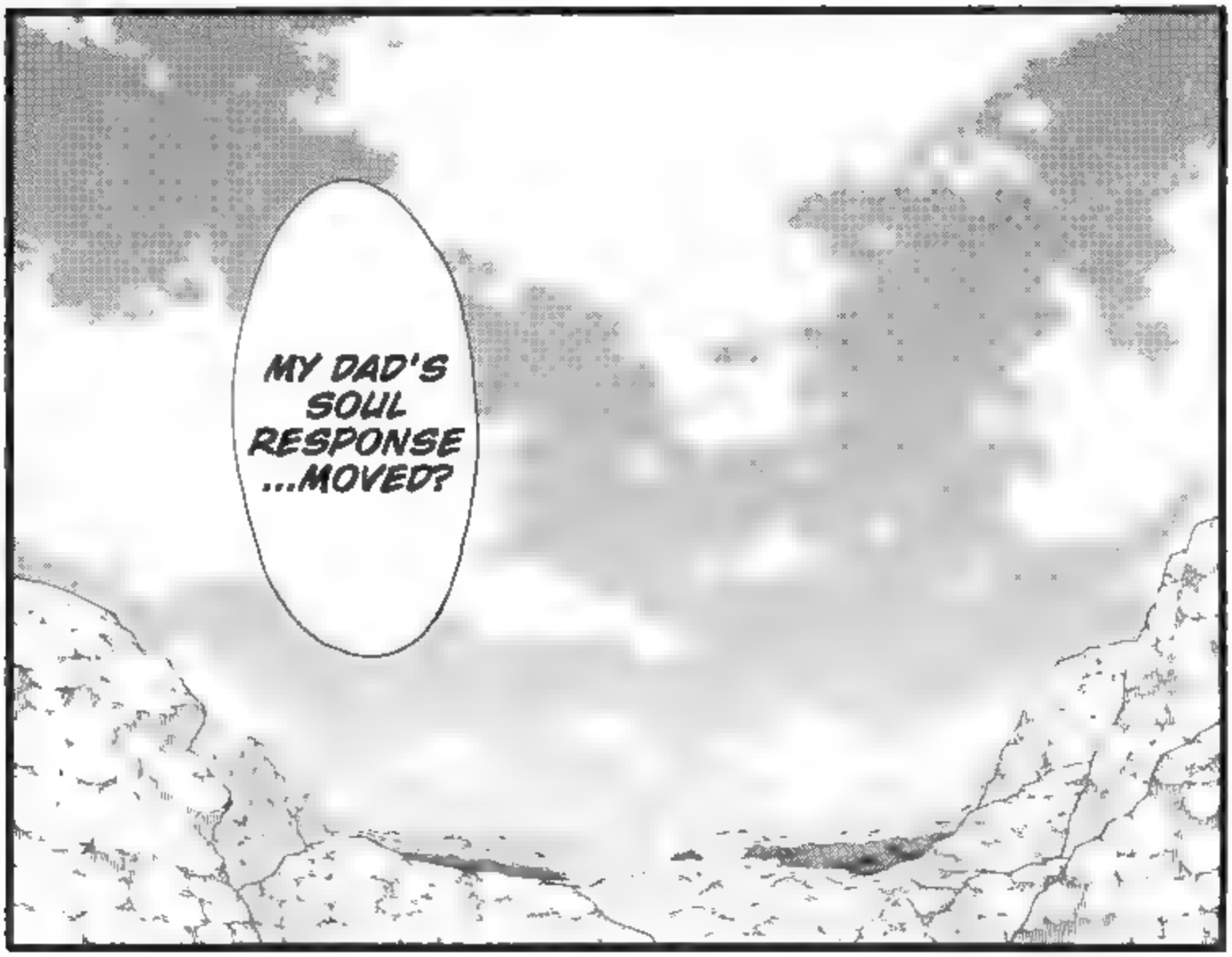

WHAT IS IT, RACHEL?
PAPA, MAMA, LOOK.






IT CAN'T BE...
NO... DAD... YOU CAN'T...

WHAT'S WRONG, MAKA?


MY DAD'S SOUL RESPONSE ...MOVED?

AAAH! I DON'T WANNA DIE! I'VE STILL GOT SO MANY CHICKS TO SEDUCE...

WE WERE SWAL-LOWED BY BLACK BLOOD...

HUH?

HUNH?

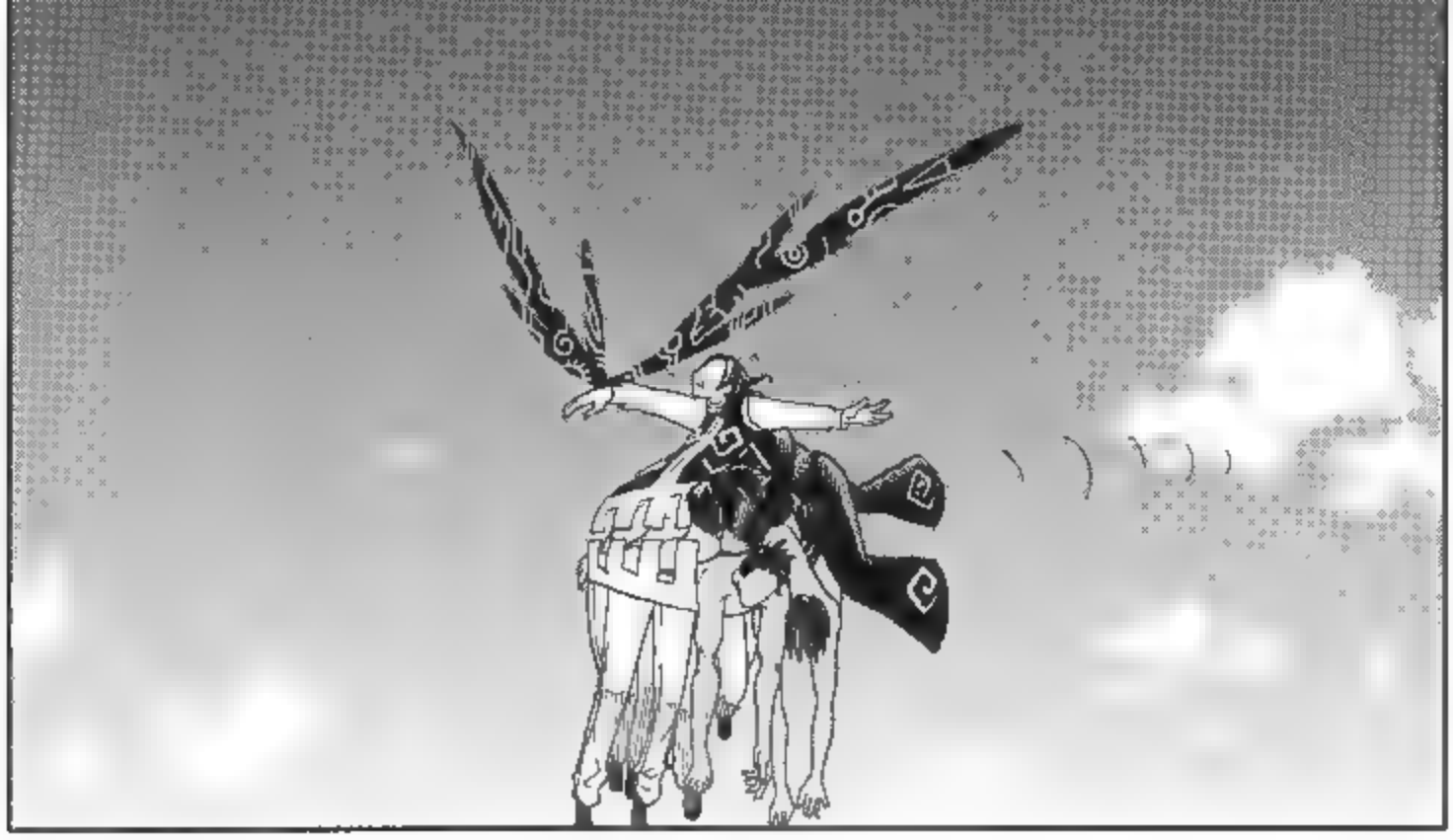
NYAMU.

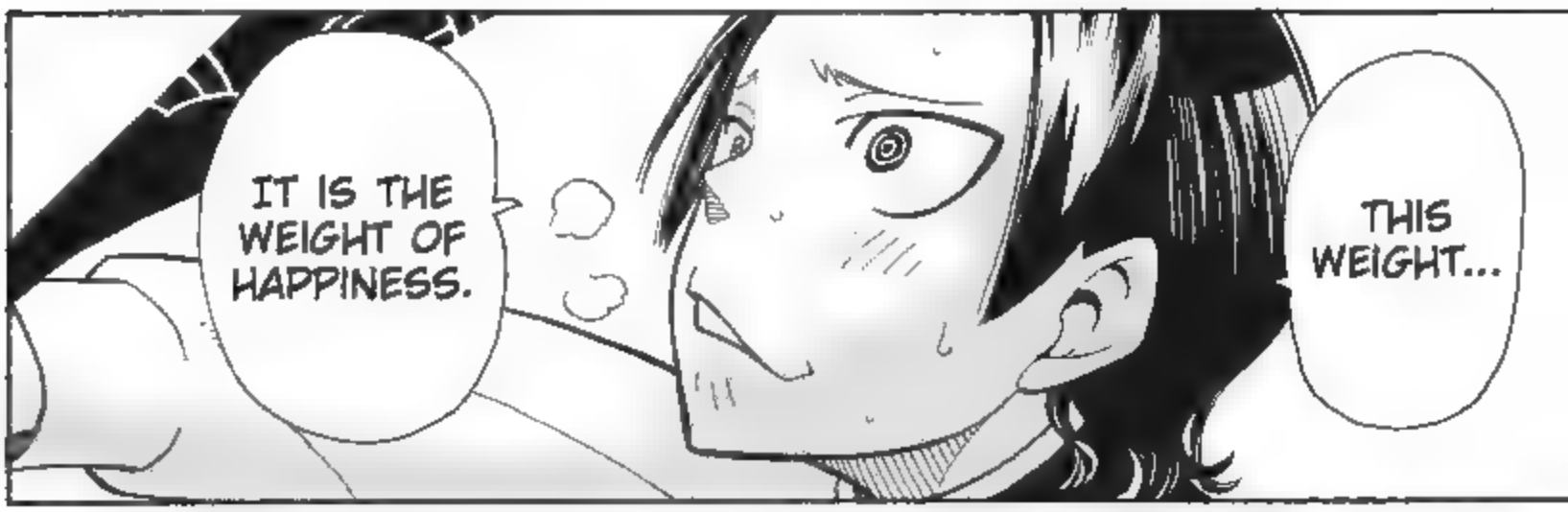
BE GRATEFUL, HUMANS.

WE TELEPORTED YOU WITH MABA-SAMA'S SPATIAL MAGIC.

NYAMU!

YOU SAVED US!!?




IT IS THE WEIGHT OF HAPPINESS.
THIS WEIGHT...

IS IT RIGHT FOR ME TO HAVE SO MANY NOAH-SAMAS?

...AND THIS NOAH-SAMA...!!

...AND THIS NOAH-SAMA...

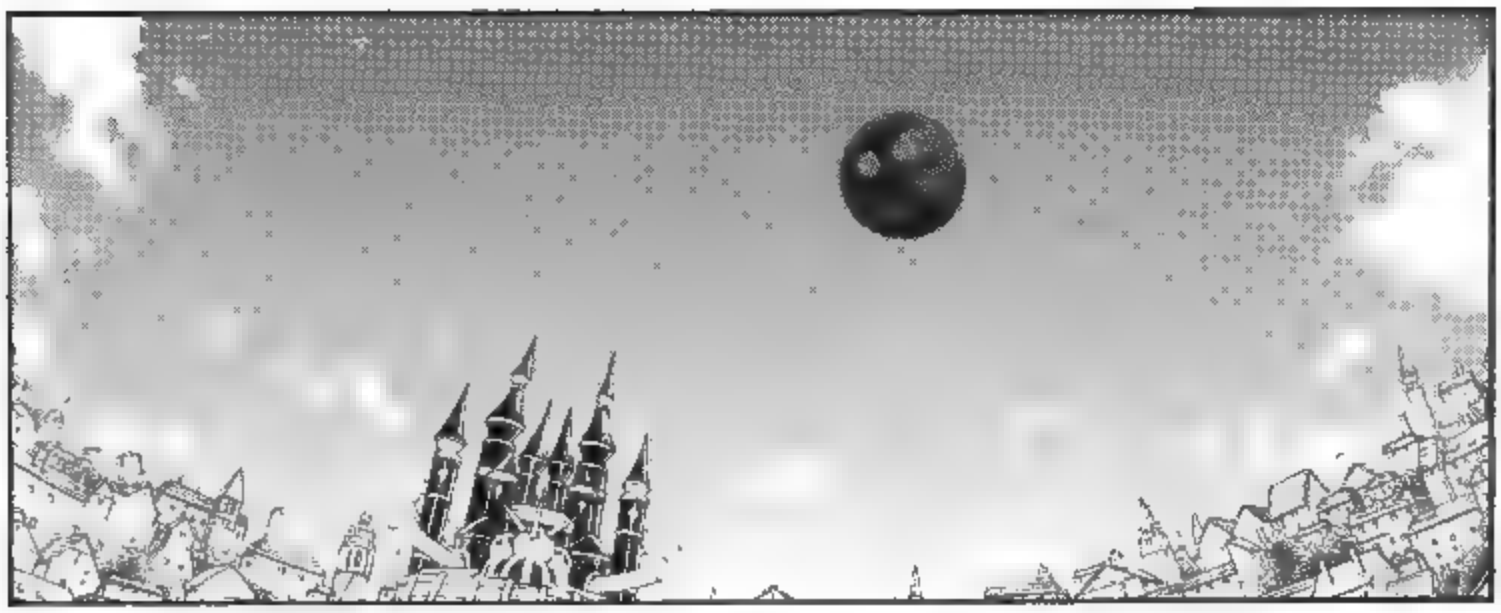
THIS NOAH-SAMA...

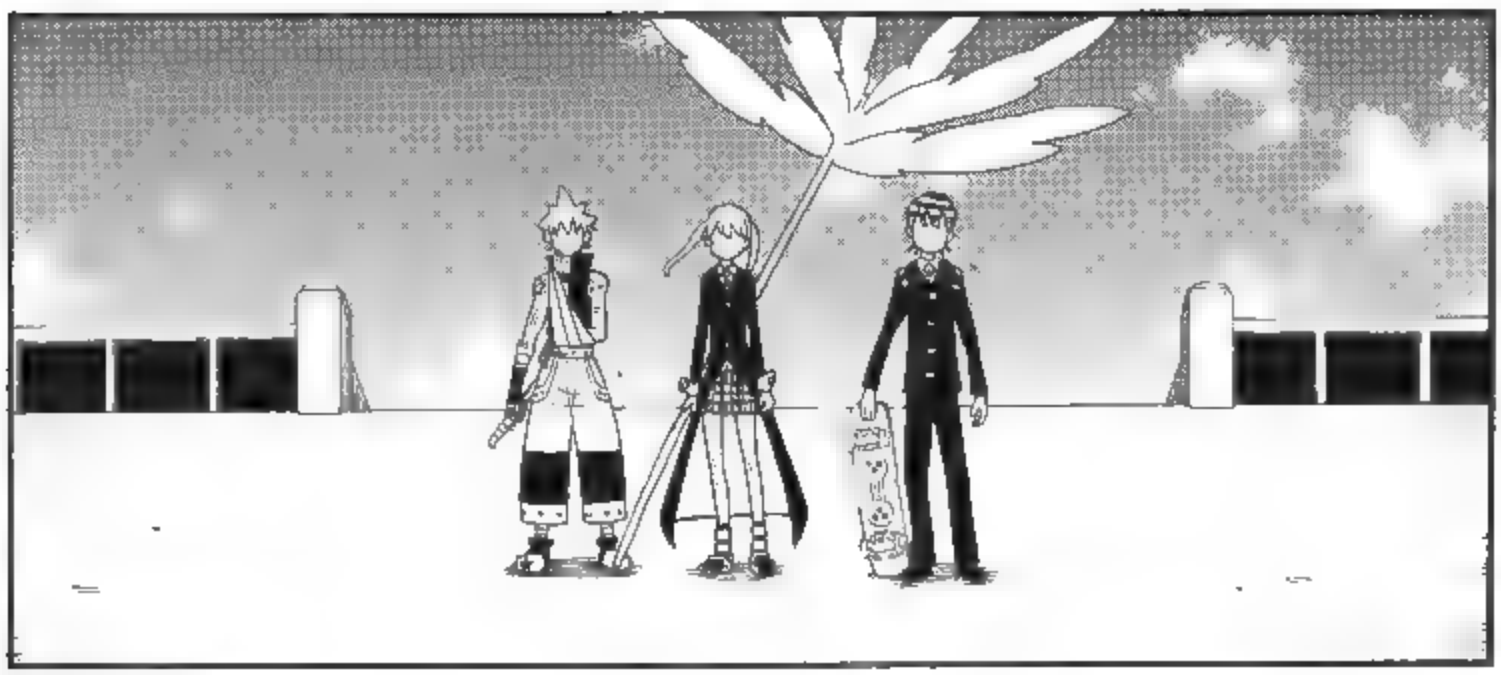
THEY'RE RISING WITH GLEE!

UH-OH! THE CORNERS OF MY MOUTH ARE TURNING UP!

ALL THE NOAH-SAMAS.

"W"-MOUTH!!

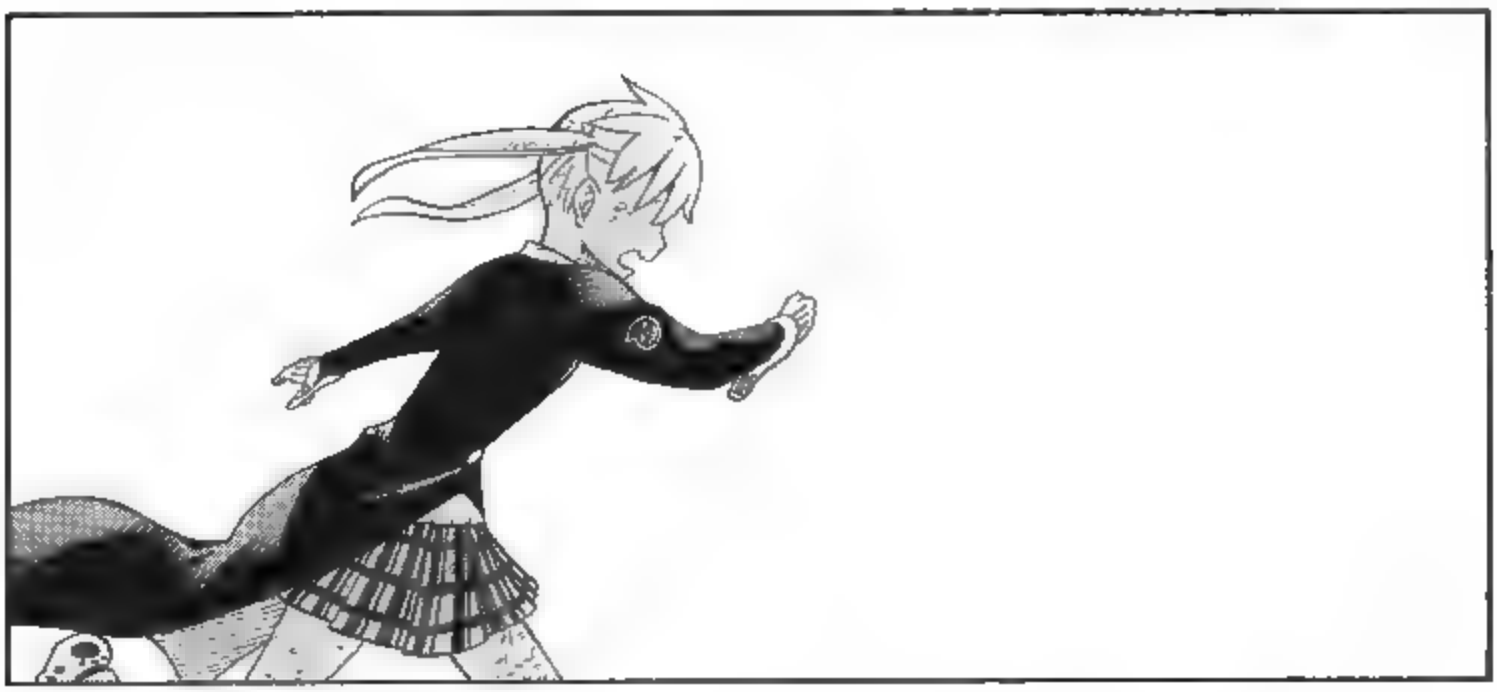




MAKA.

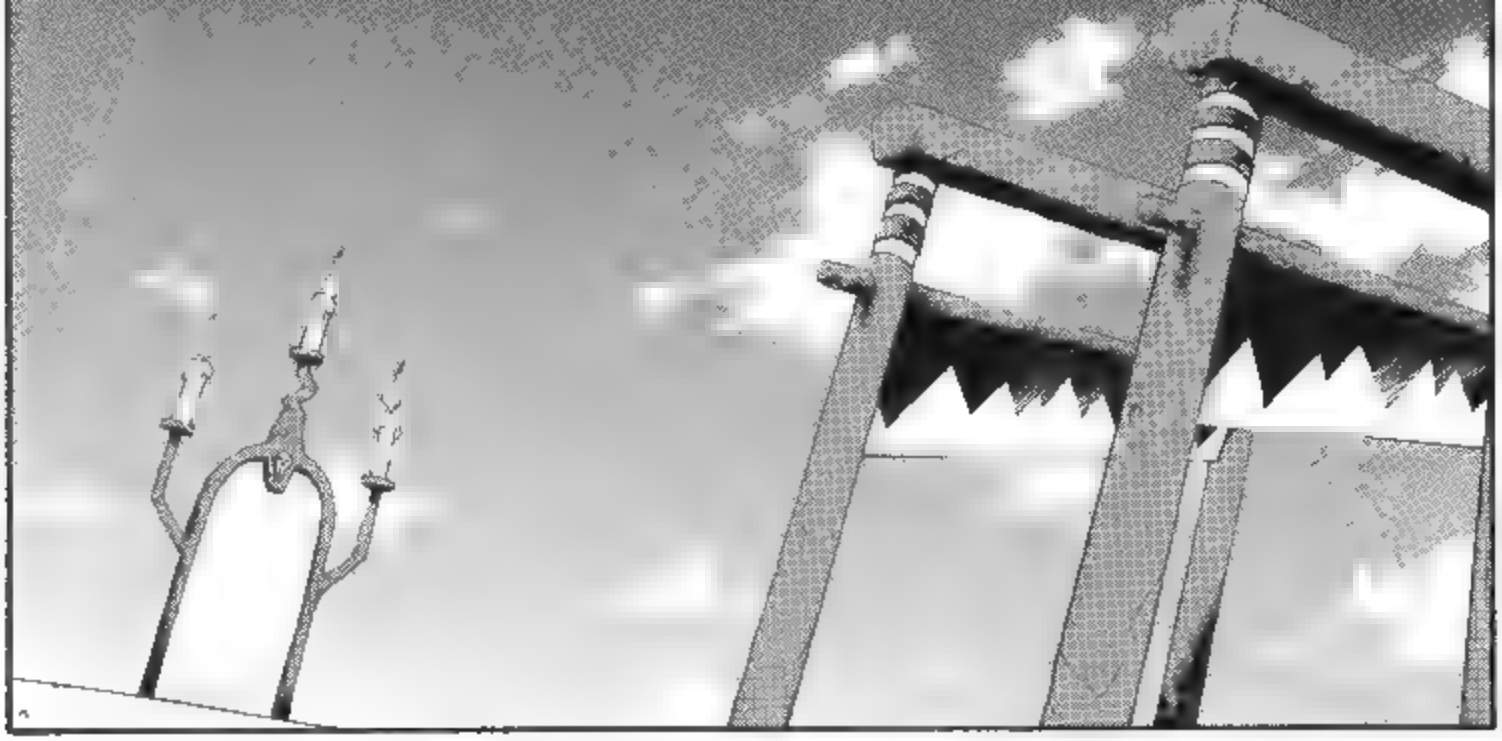
DAD...

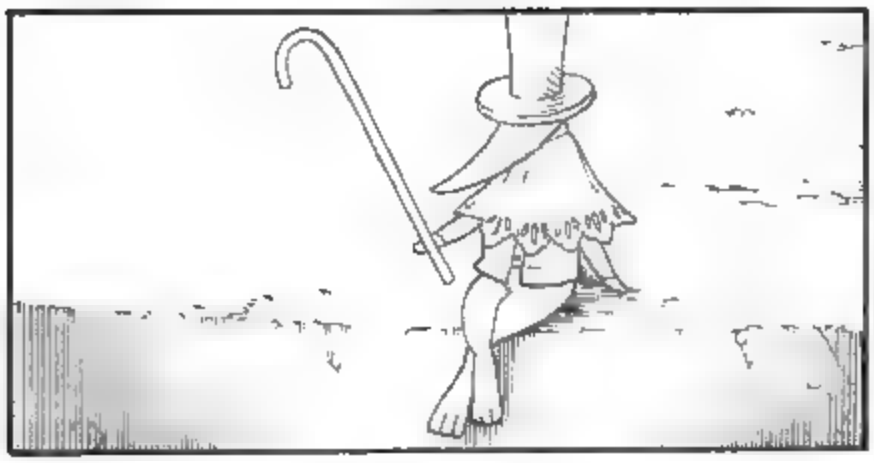
MAKA!



ER, I MEAN, THERE'S A SECOND SOUL RESPONSE INSIDE HER BODY...?
BOOBS ...
POOR THING. YOU'RE SCRATCHED AND BRUISED ALL OVER.

WHAT ...?
I THOUGHT I'D NEVER SEE YOU AGAIN, MARIE-SENSEI!!
IGNORED
THERE, THERE.





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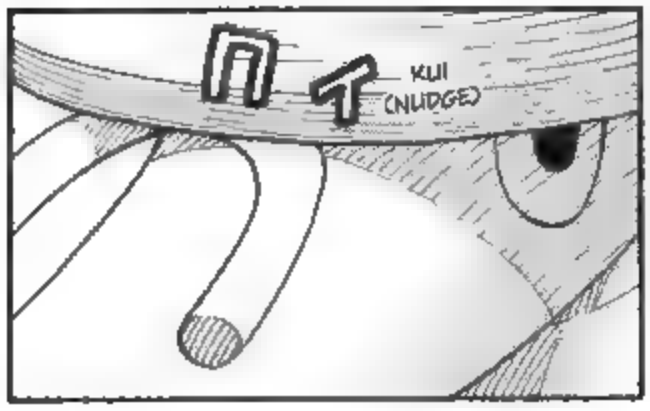

KUI
(NUDGE)

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN? I DON'T FEEL HIS WAVE-LENGTH ANYMORE...

HE'S DEAD, YOU FOOL!

JOKE!? YOU'RE A TRUE SHINIGAMI NOW! YOU THINK WE NEED DOZENS OF GODS OF DEATH?

YOU HAVE THE FULL, PROPER POWER OF A SHINIGAMI, SO YOUR FATHER DIS-APPEARED.

WHAT KIND OF JOKE IS THIS...?

NO WAY... .....

SO I BECAME A SHINIGAMI TO KILL MY FATHER...?

FATHER...

DOKA CHHAMO

HOW BIG A FOOL ARE YOU!!?

DID YOU LEARN NOTHING FROM YOUR FATHER? DEATH AND LIFE...A SHINIGAMI DIES, AND A NEW SHINIGAMI IS BORN.

WHAT WAS THAT FOR!!? THAT HURT!!

THE GREAT OLD ONES ARE GONE. NOW BEGINS THE ERA WHEN PEOPLE BUILD THEIR OWN WORLD.

ME ...?

KON (RAP) KON KON KON

YOU! HAVE! TO! DO! IT!!

FA-THER ...

WELL, YOU ONLY JUST LEARNED OF YOUR FATHER'S DEATH. I DON'T BLAME YOU FOR BEING UNABLE TO SWALLOW IT.

GU (CLENCH)

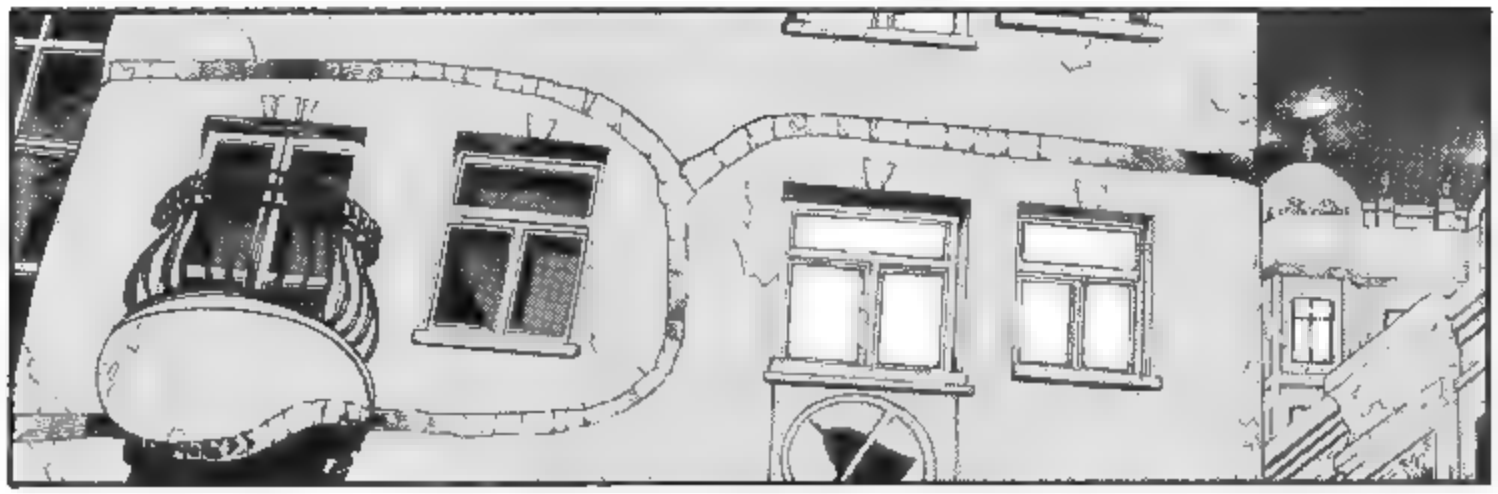
BA (WHOOSH)

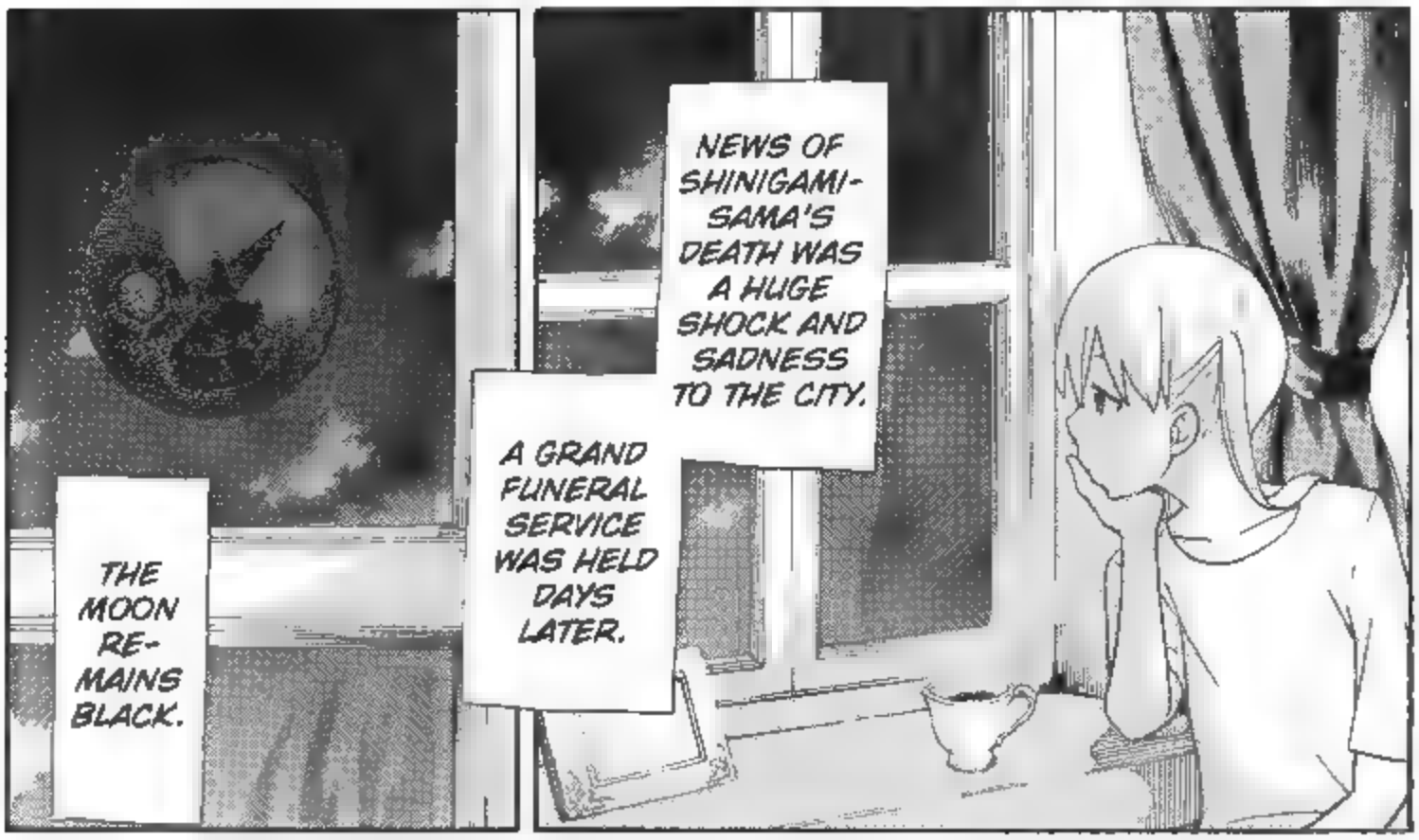
WHEN I EAT BARBECUE, I OFTEN HAVE TROUBLE SWALLOWING THE OFFAL.

SHUT UP FOR A SECOND!!

YOU'LL HAVE TO DO THE COOKING, OF COURSE.

HEY, YOU FEEL LIKE GETTING SOME BARBECUE?




THE MOON RE-MAINS BLACK.
A GRAND FUNERAL SERVICE WAS HELD DAYS LATER.
NEWS OF SHINIGAMI-SAMA'S DEATH WAS A HUGE SHOCK AND SADNESS TO THE CITY.

CRONA
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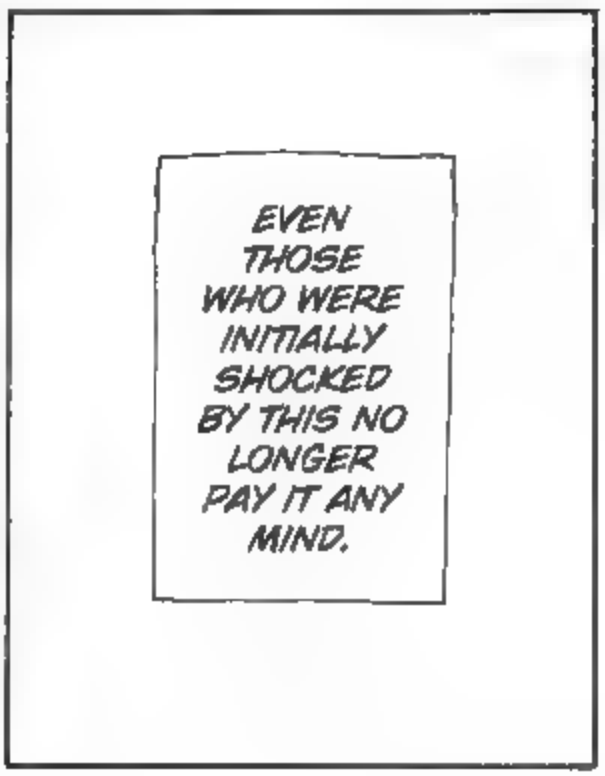

EVEN THOSE WHO WERE INITIALLY SHOCKED BY THIS NO LONGER PAY IT ANY MIND.

SOUL-
KUUUN!
♡

THERE,
SEE?♥
YAH!♥

AH!!
HEY,
STOP...
NO!
ARGH!

BOOBS
...

NYAN!♡
THAT
WAS
QUICK.♪

DOPYU
(SPLURT)

HEY!
KNOCK IT
OFF, YOU
TWO!!

WE CAN HAVE FUN AS A THREE-SOME.

COME JOIN IN, MAKA.

GYU (SQUEEZE)

.....

I THINK SO TOO.

YEAH, OKAY.

NEXT TIME, I'LL BEAT THE KISHIN ALL ON MY OWN!!!

BLACK☆STAR CONTINUES TO TRAIN EVERY DAY. HE'S SEEMS EVEN MORE INHUMAN THAN HE EVER WAS BEFORE— HE'S A WARRIOR GOD, AFTER ALL.

THE DAY BLACK☆STAR IS ABLE TO DEFEAT THE KISHIN ALONE IS NOT FAR OFF. EVERYTHING ELSE HE'S BOASTED OF HAS COME TRUE.

I WASN'T USED TO IT ON THE SURFACE OF THE MOON...

...BUT NOW I CAN FLOAT ON MY OWN, EVEN WITHOUT TSUBAKI!!

I'VE LEARNED ONE THING— IN A BATTLE OF GODS, BEING ABLE TO FIGHT IN MIDAIR IS CRUCIAL.

FUWA (FLOAT)

I'M TRAINING TO SEE IF I CAN CONCENTRATE ON FLOATING, EVEN WHEN I'M CHECKING OUT THOSE BOOBS!!

THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU HAVE TO DO IT RIGHT WHERE I'M BATHING!!

GET OUT OF HERE!!

TON CTHLIKO

I CAN SEE YOU, ANGELA.

AWW. I WAS TRYING TO TRAIN WITH YOU, SPIKY.

AH!!

SU (SSK)

THAT WAS MY AGREE-MENT WITH MIFUNE.

TSUN (POKE)

YOU NEED TO WATCH CLOSELY TO SEE IF I'M SHAPIN' UP TO BE A REAL MAN OR NOT. IF I BLOW IT, MY SOUL BELONGS TO YOU.

YAAAY! ♪

BASHA (SPLASH)

ARE YOU REALLY GOING TO TALK ABOUT THIS HERE!?

MMM.

MOMI

MOMI (SQUISH)

DOKA (THWAM)

EVEN PATTY'S TAKEN TO FEELING ME UP THESE DAYS...

POIN (SQUISH)

WHY AM I SO FASCINATED WITH BREASTS!?

THIS IS THE MAD-NESS OF BOOBS!!

FOR NOW, IT ONLY AFFECTS THOSE OF US WHO WERE ON THE MOON, BUT IT MAY SPREAD TO THE STUDENT POPULACE BEFORE LONG.

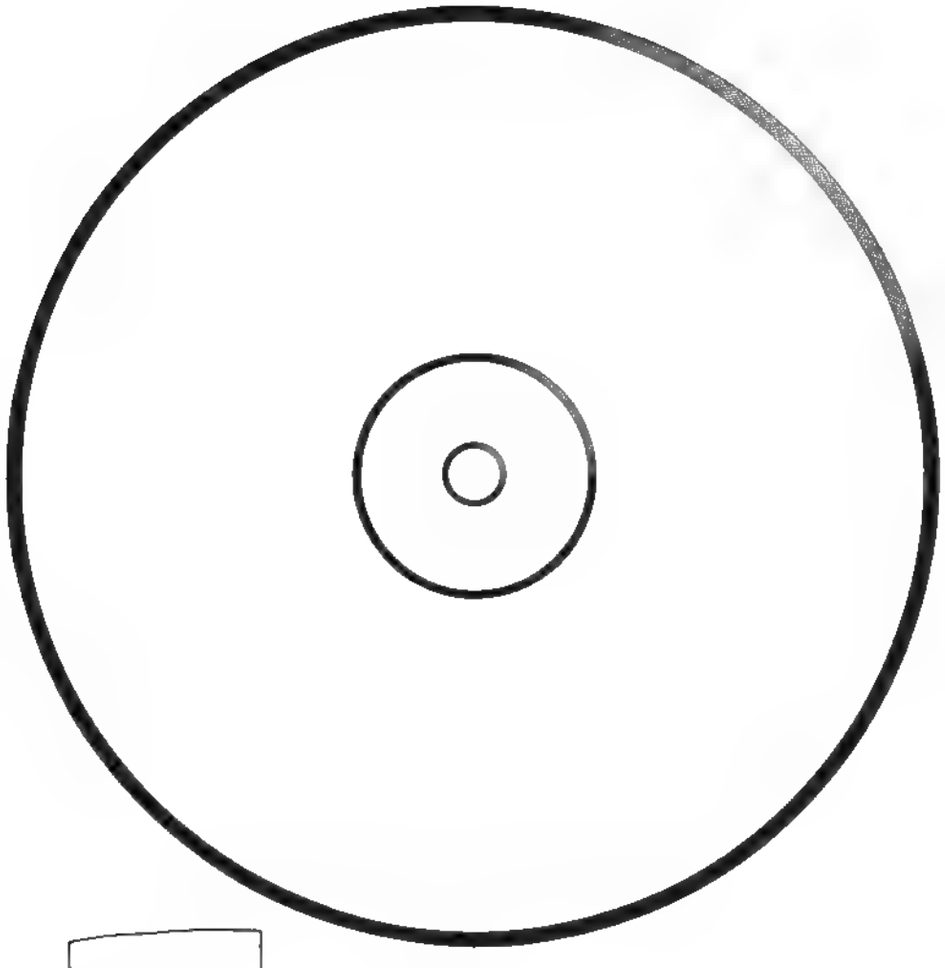
CRONA NEVER RECEIVED ANY MOTHERLY LOVE FROM MEDUSA, SO HE SEEKS THE BREAST, THE SYMBOL OF MOTHER-HOOD...

THE RESULTS OF KID'S INSTANT SURVEY...

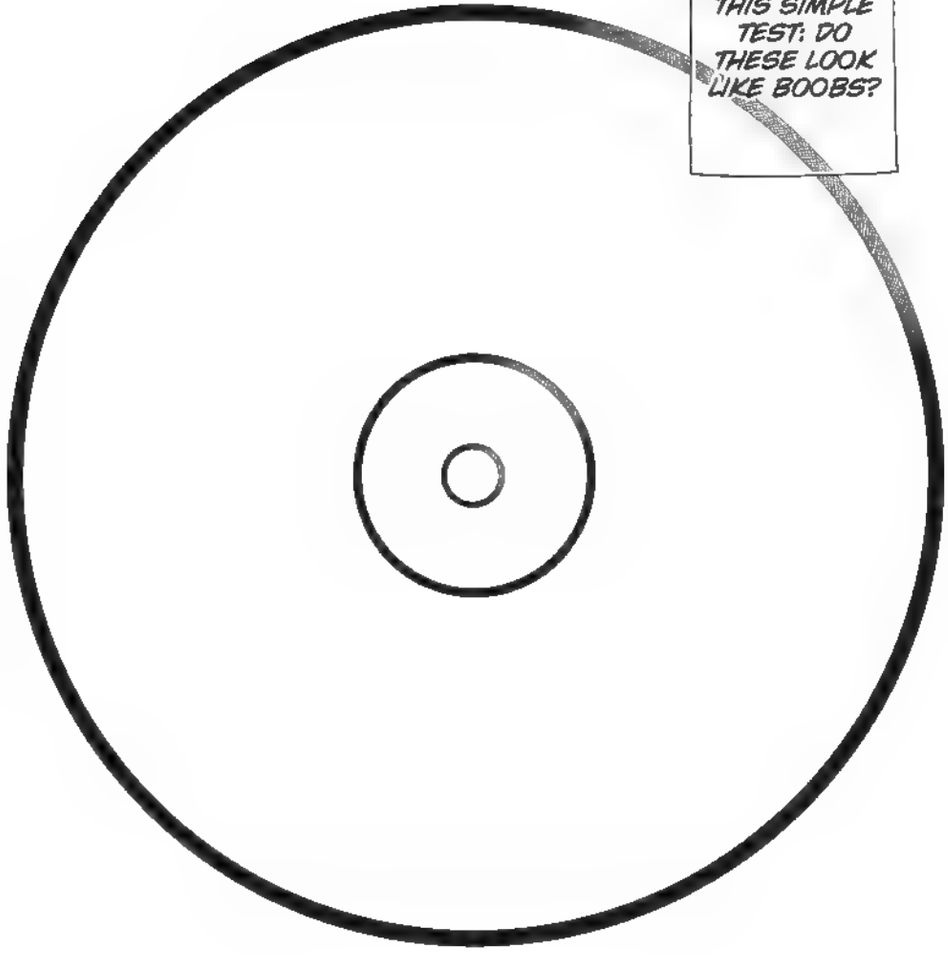
...SHOWED THAT COMPARED TO PAPA'S OLD SURVEY RESULTS, BOOB MEN SAW A 50% INCREASE OVER BUTT MEN. SO WHAT?

HANG ON! TOMOR-ROW'S YOUR CORONA TION!

WE CANNOT REST ON OUR LAURELS. THIS MUST BE RESEARCHED!



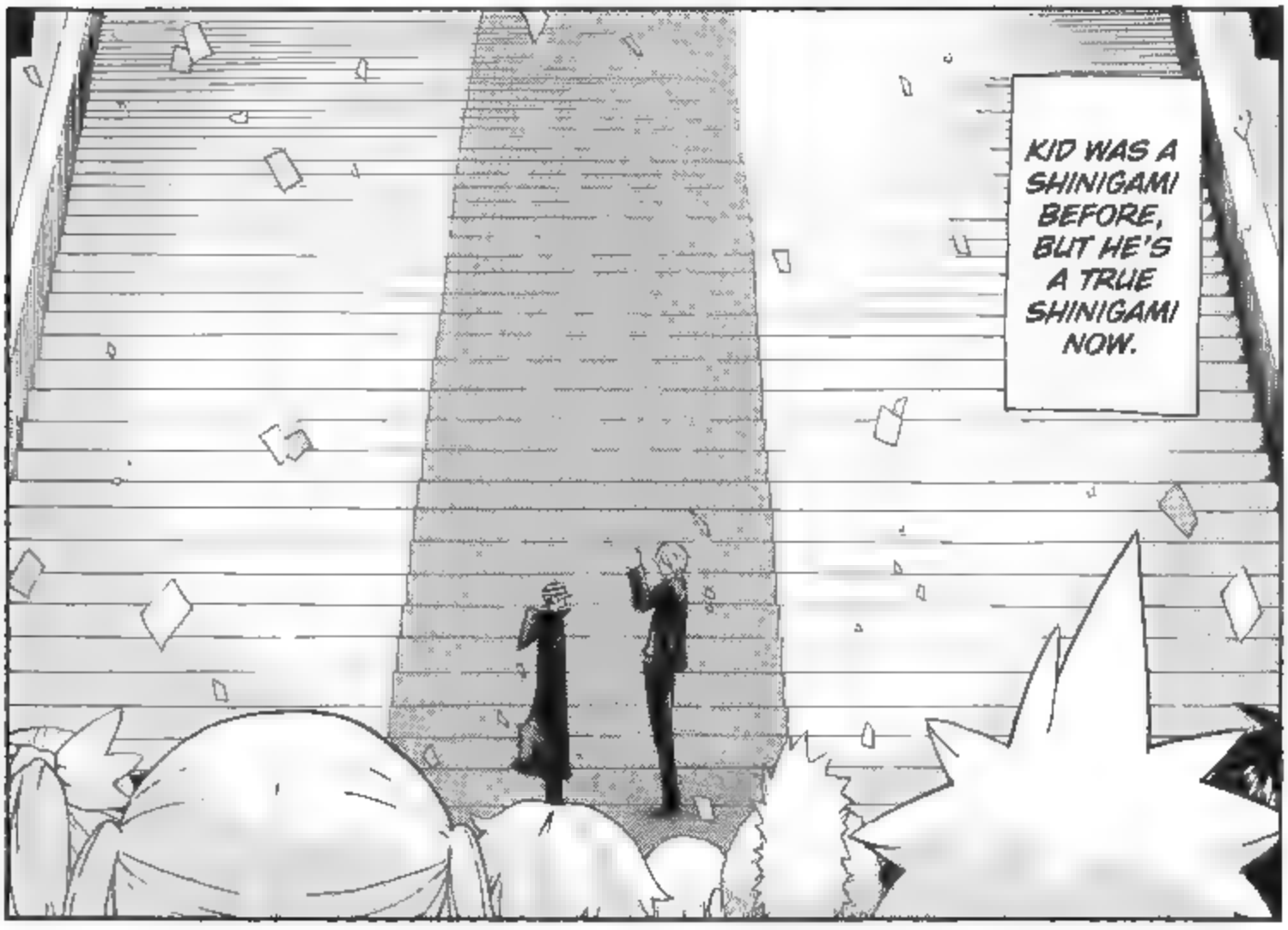
MY ANSWER WAS "YES," OF COURSE.



THE SURVEY INCLUDED THIS SIMPLE TEST: DO THESE LOOK LIKE BOOBS?

FORGET ABOUT THAT. HERE'S THE NEW SHINIGAMI CORONA-TION.

THE PLACE IS PACKED WITH DWMA STUDENTS AND FOLKS FROM ALL AROUND THE WORLD.


KID WAS A SHINIGAMI BEFORE, BUT HE'S A TRUE SHINIGAMI NOW.

THE PAPERS ARE FULL OF ARTICLES ABOUT THE NEW SHINIGAMI.

DEATH CITY IS IN A FESTIVE MOOD.

KAPO (PWLIP)

IRA IRA GIRIO

HURRY IT UP, DAMN IT!!

SORRY, LET'S TRY THIS AGAIN FROM THE TOP.

KAPO

MANY ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE NEW SHINIGAMI'S INITIATIVE TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH THE WITCHES.

I KEEP TELLING YOU, I THINK IT'S BEEN STRAIGHT EVERY TIME...

IS IT ON ABSOLUTELY STRAIGHT NOW?

KOHON (AHEM)

HA HA HA.

IT'S HARD FOR ME TO IMAGINE THAT KID IS NOW SHINIGAMI-SAMA, BUT...

WE WILL NEVER GIVE IN TO FEAR !!!

BUT WE ALONE WERE NOT ENOUGH TO DEFEAT THE KISHIN IN THE WAR ON THE MOON!!

IT WAS THE TWO WOMEN OVER THERE AND THE WITCHES THEY LEAD WHO MADE OUR VICTORY POSSIBLE.

I'LL HELP TOO.

I SUSPECT THAT THE WITCH STUDENT AT DWMA, KIMIAL DIEHL, WILL BE A KEY PLAYER IN BRIDGING THE TWO CAMPS.

IT MADE ME RECOGNIZE THE NEED TO GO BACK AND REBUILD OUR RELATIONSHIP FROM SCRATCH.

ズドーン
ZUDON
(KABOOM)

BUT WE CAN USE THEM AS THE FOUNDATION OF A NEW, STRONGER WORLD!!

MANKIND AND WITCHES CANNOT ERASE THE MISTAKES OF THE PAST.

THROUGH THE SCYTHEMEISTER MAKA ALBARN, HE BECAME A DEATH WEAPON BY CONSUMING THE WITCH ARACHNE'S SOUL.

STEP FORWARD, SOUL.

THIS IS OUR FINAL DEATH WEAPON, SOUL "EATER" EVANS! TO COMMEMORATE THIS RESOLUTION, HE WILL HENCEFORTH BE KNOWN AS...

...DEATH'S LAST WEAPON!

CLOSE US OUT WITH A SONG!

AND NOW DEATH'S LAST WEAPON, SOUL "EATER" EVANS...

SEEMS LIKE...

...A LOT OF EXTRA *STUFF* TO HAVE CLAPPED ON MY NAME.

SHUBA (SWOOSH)

LET'S HAVE SOME FUN.

ENOUGH OF THIS STUFFY FORMAL-ITY.

IT'S ALL RIGHT NOW, SOUL.
C'MON, DON'T JUST STAND AROUND! LET'S GO UP FRONT!!
DC

THAT'S A FINE SONG.

JUST FOR TODAY, OKAY?

SHALL WE DANCE, MY ANGEL?

NYA-MU. ♪

I DON'T UNDER-STAND IT.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF HUMAN MUSIC?

JIII (STARE)

EEK

EEEK! SOUL-SEN-PAAAI! ♥

I WAS WORRIED ABOUT LIVING SIDE BY SIDE WITH HUMANS, BUT IT SEEMS ALL RIGHT SO FAR.

MAYBE.

IT SEEMS LIKE SOUL MIGHT BE DRIFTING FAR AWAY...

I ALWAYS KNEW THAT FEAR WOULD NEVER COMPLETELY DISAPPEAR BECAUSE I'VE ALWAYS BEEN AFRAID OF THIS...

KIDS GROW UP SO FAST.

WE'RE CHANG-ING AS WELL.

LET'S GO UP FRONT TOO!

!

!

WE ONLY MADE IT THIS FAR BECAUSE OF OUR TEACHERS.

IT WAS MY FATHER AND HIS ABSOLUTE PROTECTION THAT ALLOWED EVERYONE THE FREEDOM TO DO THEIR OWN THING.

WAR-RIOR GOD!

WAR-RIOR GOD!

AW-RIGHT! I RE-QUEST A DUEL!

GUESS WHAT, Y'ALL!? I'M GONNA GIVE YOU SOME TRAINING!!

!

FRANKLY, AS LONG AS YOU AND BLACK STAR ARE AROUND, WE CAN HANDLE THE KISHIN NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES HE TRIES TO COME BACK.

BUT WE STILL HAVE TO WORK HARD FOR THE SAKE OF THE NEXT GENERATION.

I HAVE MANY SHORT-COMINGS STILL, BUT I PROMISE TO DO MY BEST.

YOU'VE MADE AN HONEST COUPLE, THEN?

DID YOU HEAR THAT, SHINI-GAMI-SAMA?

NEVER A DULL MOMENT WITH THESE TWO.

THERE'S A TINY NEW SOUL WAVE-LENGTH INSIDE YOUR BELLY...

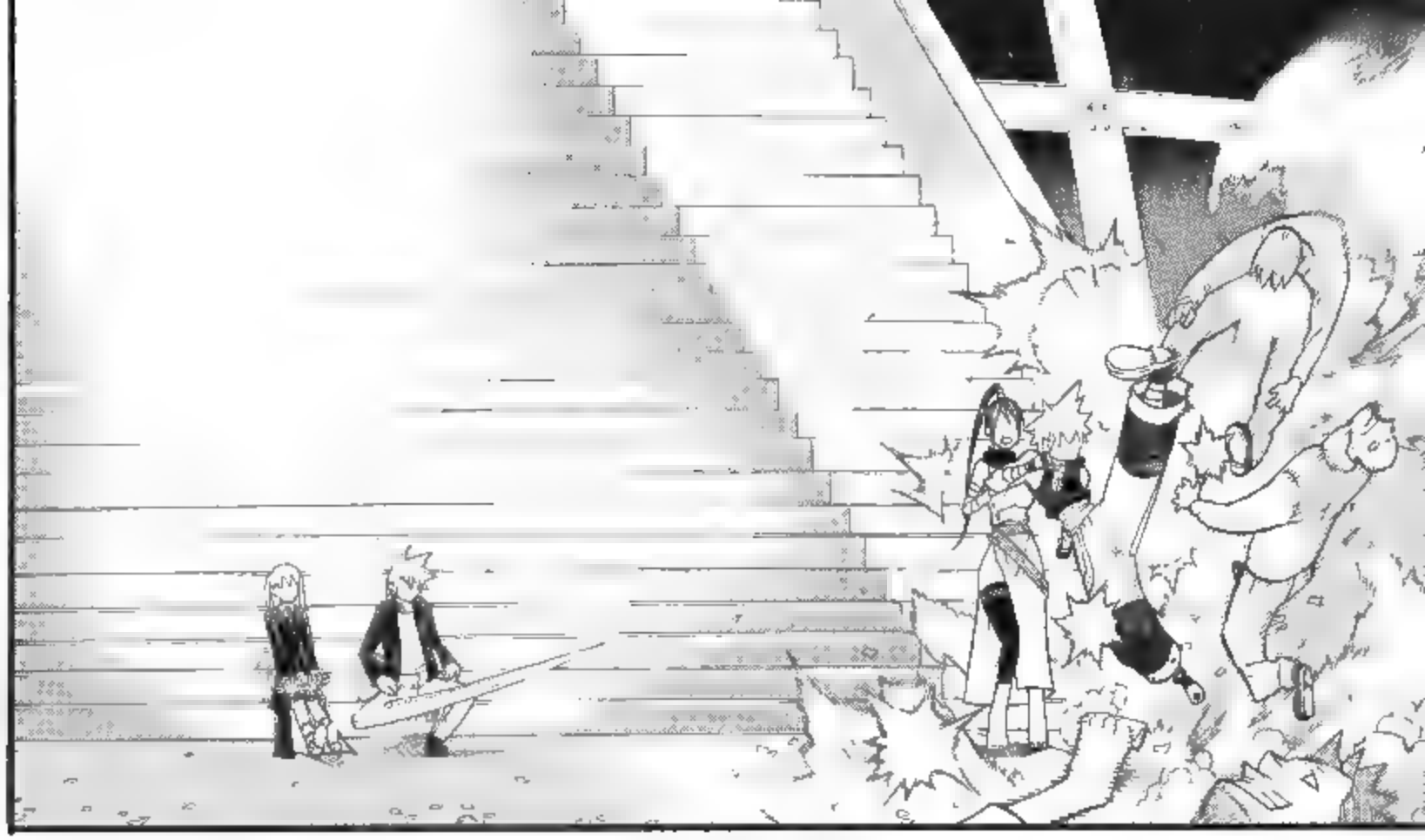
NOW I'M WOR-RIED...

KEH KEH KEH.

BUT AT LEAST I GET ANOTHER GUINEA PIG OUT OF THE DEAL.

THANKS TO THIS DEVELOPMENT, I'M OFF THE CIGARETTES AGAIN.

I WAS WORRIED WHEN SHE INSISTED ON GOING TO THE MOON BUT ONCE SHE MAKES UP HER MIND, THERE'S NO SWAYING HER.



YOU DON'T FEEL LIKE JOINING IN?
THOSE MUSCLE-HEAD IDIOTS AREN'T EVEN LISTENING.

WILL YOU STILL BE ABLE TO PLAY WITHOUT ME?
ZUI (FWP)
SHUT UP! I'LL BE FINE.

OH, OF COURSE... YOU WILL.

I'VE ALWAYS LIKED LISTENING FROM RIGHT BESIDE YOU. IT'S RELAXING HERE.

WELL, GIVING UP ON PIANO OR WHATEVER DOESN'T MEAN YOU GET REBORN AS SOMEONE ELSE.

SO I MIGHT AS WELL KEEP AT IT.

SO NOW YOU'RE SOUL "EATER" EVANS?

PEOPLE SUCCUMB TO FEAR SO EASILY...

NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, WE'LL NEVER GIVE IN TO MADNESS.

WE FOUGHT THE KISHIN AND WON, AFTER ALL.

YEAH, NO BIGGIE.

IT'S JUST THAT IT WAS ABOUT TIME FOR ME TO RENEW MY DWMA REG-ISTRATION ANYWAY.

THANKS TO YOU, I STOPPED RUNNING FROM MY PROBLEMS.

THIS IS THE SOUND WE CREATED TOGETHER, REMEMBER?

OH, I KNOW !!

ピョン PYON (HOP)

BUT IT'S SO EASY TO GAIN COURAGE FROM OTHERS TOO.

SO LET'S SPREAD THE WORD TOGETHER !!

WE'LL GO AND SEE CRONA AGAIN!!

AND WE'LL PUT THE KISHIN IN HIS PLACE AS MANY TIMES AS IT TAKES!!

I WANT EVERYONE IN THE WORLD TO WITNESS THIS COURAGE!!!

THIS SOUL RESO-NANCE !!!
END

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HYUOOOO
(WHOOSH)

BASA

BASA
(FLAP)

MUKU
(RISE)

I'M ALL BURNED UP...

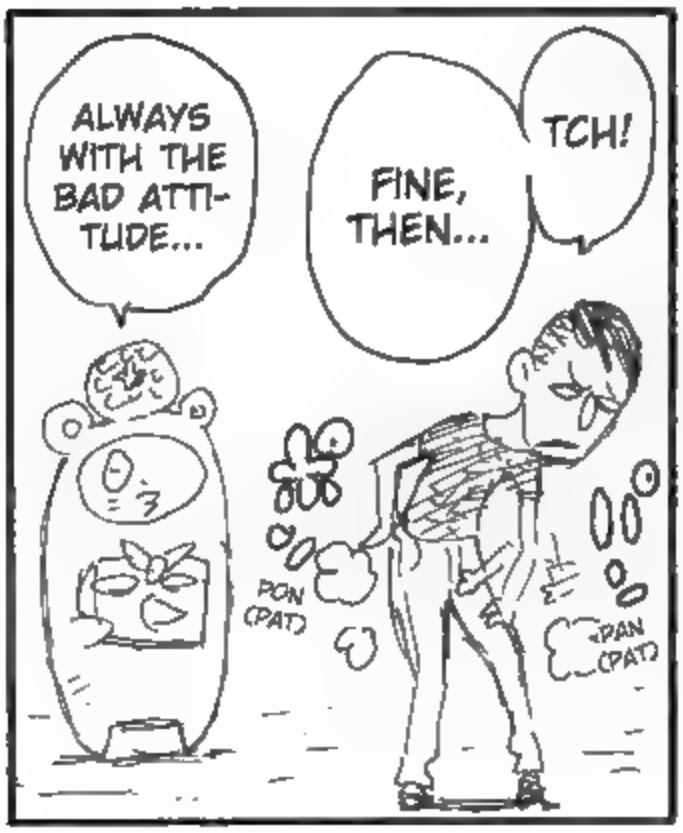
THE BAR BLEW AWAY...

EVEN BIRD WENT BACK TO KOBE...

I GUESS THAT MEANS OUR JOURNEY IS AT AN END.

. . . .
GOT ANY LAST WORDS FOR YOUR GUESTS?
WELL, THERE'S NO BAR FOR CUSTOMERS TO VISIT ANYMORE...

NAH.


ALWAYS WITH THE BAD ATTI-TUDE...
TCH!
FINE, THEN...
PON (PAT)
PAN (PAT)

YOU IN-GRATE!!
DOKA (WHAM)
SAY!!
SOME-THING!!
WHAT KIND OF ATTITUDE IS THAT TO SHOW THE PEOPLE WHO'VE BEEN COMING HERE ALL THIS TIME!?
BOGA (WHAM)
DOSU (STMP)
GOSU (BONK)
OW, OW! KNOCK IT OFF, YOU JERKS!!

YAAAY! IT'S OVER! IT'S FINALLY OVER!!

NO MORE DEADLINES TO WORRY ABOUT!!

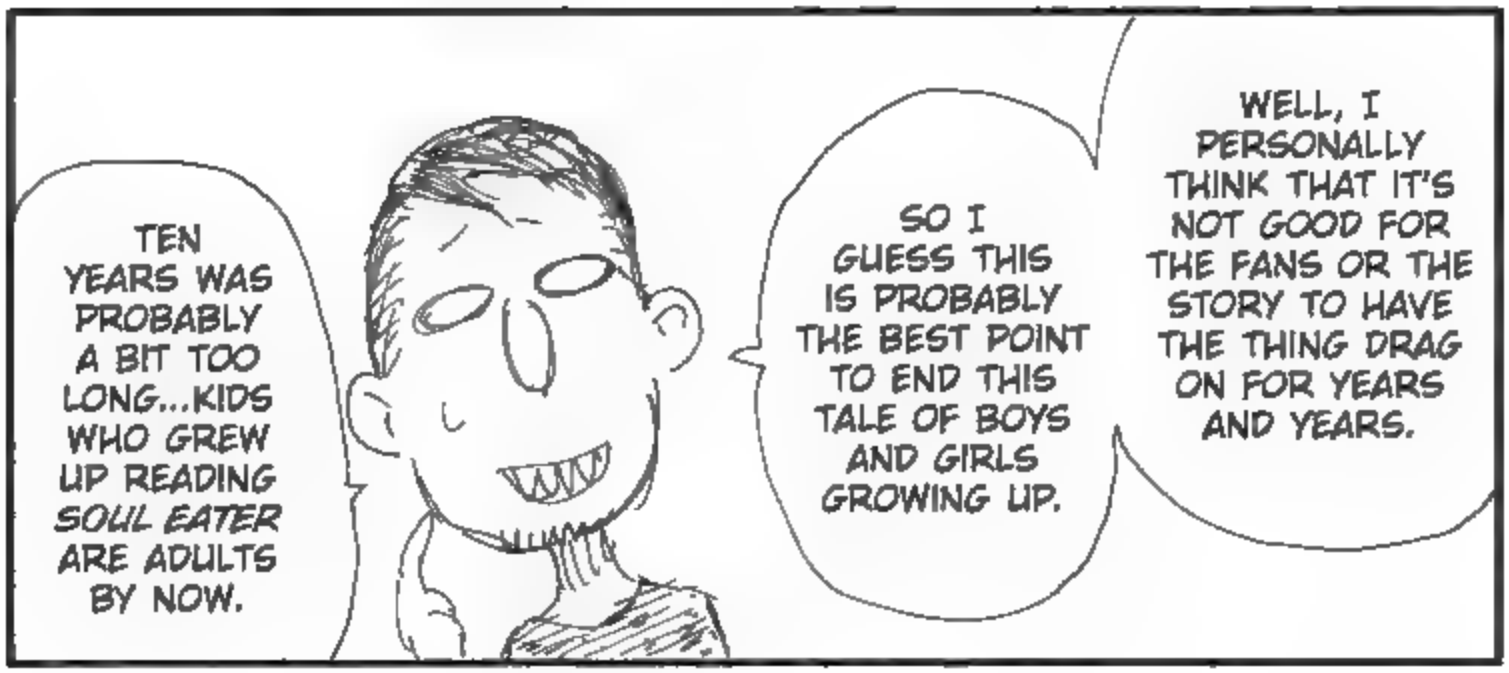
I CAN JUST HANG OUT AND CHILL ALL DAY, EVERY DAY!!

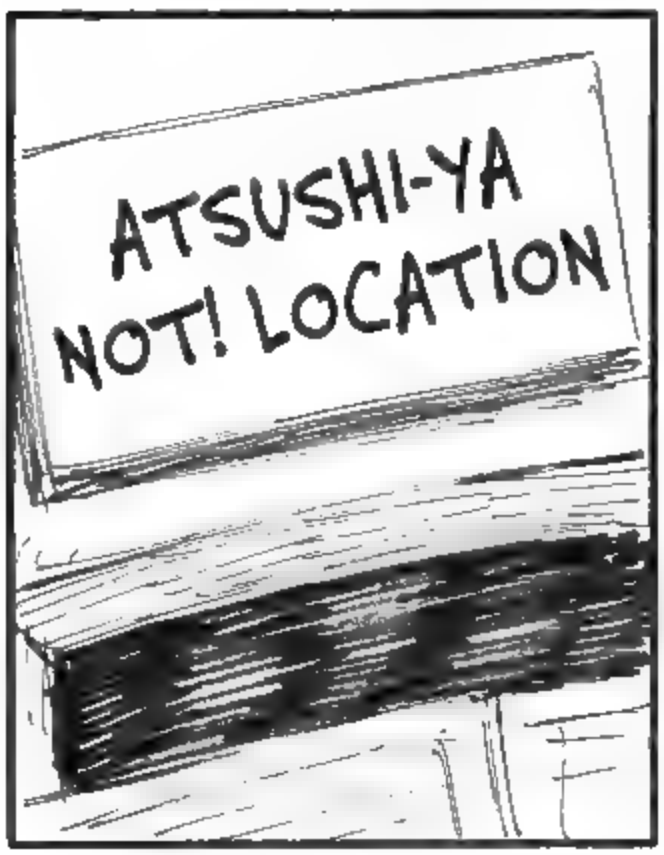
IS THIS SERIOUSLY GOING TO BE THE END OF A TEN-YEAR SERIES...?

SHH! ♪

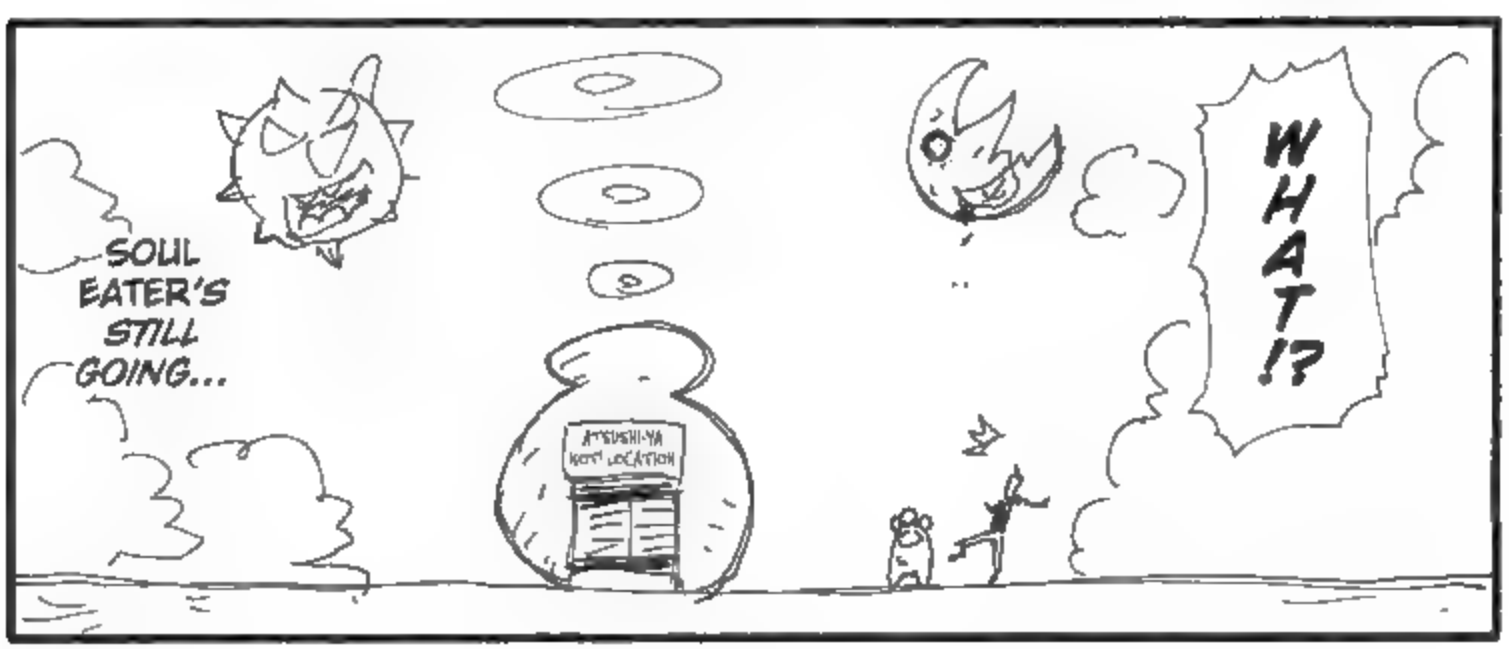
THEY DON'T NEED TO KNOW THAT!

YOU DID PLENTY OF THAT EVEN WHEN THE MANGA WAS RUNNING.....


TEN YEARS WAS PROBABLY A BIT TOO LONG...KIDS WHO GREW UP READING *SOUL EATER* ARE ADULTS BY NOW.
SO I GUESS THIS IS PROBABLY THE BEST POINT TO END THIS TALE OF BOYS AND GIRLS GROWING UP.
WELL, I PERSONALLY THINK THAT IT'S NOT GOOD FOR THE FANS OR THE STORY TO HAVE THE THING DRAG ON FOR YEARS AND YEARS.


ATSUSHI-YA
NOT! LOCATION

UM, BOSS? DON'T YOU HAVE ANOTHER SHOP?
SO THERE WE GO! IT'S ALL OVER! WHAT'S NEXT FOR LIL' OLD ME?


SOUL EATER'S STILL GOING...
WHAT!?

THE END

Thank you for reading

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Common Honorifics

no honorific: Indicates familiarity or closeness; if used without permission or reason, addressing someone in this manner would constitute an insult.

-san: The Japanese equivalent of Mr./Mrs./Miss. If a situation calls for politeness, this is the fail-safe honorific.

-sama: Conveys great respect; may also indicate that the social status of the speaker is lower than that of the addressee.

-dono: Like *-sama*, using *-dono* is an indication of respect for the addressee.

-kun: Used most often when referring to boys, this indicates affection or familiarity. Occasionally used by older men among their peers, but it may also be used by anyone referring to a person of lower standing.

-chan: An affectionate honorific indicating familiarity used mostly in reference to girls; also used in reference to cute persons or animals of either gender.

-senpai: A suffix used to address upperclassmen or more experienced coworkers.

-sensei: A respectful term for teachers, artists, or high-level professionals.

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